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CUSG presidential campaign deals with alleged violations

Saavon Smalls
Editor-in-Chief

Clemson University Student Government (CUSG) started off their presidential elections on Jan. 29. With five different campaigns in the running, each set of candidates was ready to begin the cycle with dedication, to make their mark on campus and vie to be Wilson and Seidman's successors.

But just hours before that, one of the campaigns received accusations of violations.

David Gundana and Abby Martin, a junior mechanical engineering major and a junior health science major respectively, were accused of violating the elections bylaws, totaling up to three alleged violations presented at their hearing.

Of the accusations, most were in relation to emails sent out by the Gundana/Martin campaign. Under Article III, Section D, Subsection 1, Paragraph d of the Student Body Elections bylaws, "... no candidate may send emails of any kind representing themselves as a candidate to potential voters prior to the mandatory candidate meeting."

The allegations also accused the campaign of breaking Article III, Section D, Subsection 1, Paragraph o, which states that, "A person who attempts to solicit a vote for an election, prior to filing the necessary materials to be considered an official candidate, will immediately be assessed a violation ..." among other allegations.

Violations are issued if a campaign has been found guilty of breaking one of the bylaws. If a campaign receives three violations prior to the start of the election season, they may be disqualified.

Gundana stated that he contacted the Elections Board throughout the planning of his campaign to make sure that he and Martin were following the rules.

"Abby and I started thinking about campaigning in November," Gundana said. "We wanted to make sure that through the whole [elections] process, we asked for permission on everything and never for forgiveness... We thought we were doing everything by the books because we were in constant contact with the Elections Board."

In regards to Gundana's process, Elections Board Director Schafer stated that "if candidates have questions about what they may or may not do, they come to me."

However, Schafer also stated that it is up to the other campaigns to make sure that they are appropriately informed of this information.

"I do not notify all candidates of every question that I am asked. If candidates have questions about what they can do, it is their responsibility to approach me," she said.

So when Gundana said he received the accusations against him and Martin, he was shocked.

"[On Jan. 29], we were blindsided by the fact that someone filed these violations against us, because we were under the impression

that we were doing this so straightforward."

Gundana also stated that, "The people who filed the violations were most likely unaware that we were asking for permission for everything that we were doing."

But according to Kyle Brady and Alexander Cullen, the two who made the complaint, they were already aware of Gundana's decision to talk to the Elections Board for clarification at the potential candidates' meeting. Brady, a junior political science major, is currently running with Becca Brantley, a junior biological sciences major.

"I can confirm that did happen," Brady said. "That's what really caused me to call [Cullen] and say 'Look, [Elections Board Director Schafer] said that these were violations, [Gundana's] doing them — you need to take screenshots right now. Justice needs to be served."

Cullen, a sophomore genetics major and CUSG senator, became privy to the alleged violations after being placed on an email list that received the messages from Gundana and Martin.

"I was familiar to the [elections] rules, and began witnessing what I believe to be first one violation, then another and another," Cullen said.

"I ran as a senator on transparency for CUSG and that's always been a big thing at CUSG. It was my duty as a senator to present this information to the student body so that they can make an informed decision," Cullen continued.

Brady then made a formal complaint to the Elections Board.

"[We made the complaint] on Jan. 27," Brady said. "I meet with the Elections Director and we sat down for about 25 minutes, where I walked her through every single violation that I thought should be brought before the hearings board."

Brady then said that a few days later, he reached out to Schafer, and later CUSG Atty. General Damian Williams regarding her decision.

"I had to talk to the Atty. General because it is up to his discretion to release any information."

When violations are filed against a campaign, they go through the Elections Director, along with her Elections Board. After deciding which violations are to be deliberated over, they go to the hearing board if three or more are found. This board is comprised of Dr. Chris Miller, Dean of Students; the CUSG Atty. General; the asst. Atty. General and a senator.

The individuals then go through the list of allegations and decide what has officially been violated by a campaign.

At the end of deliberations, the Gundana/Martin campaign were found to be guilty of two out the three violation claims, each for sending an email representing themselves as candidates, resulting in a \$125 fine.

"The two things [were] sending emails, which we thought we asked permission for. But we were wrong, it's in the bylaws and we made a mistake. Abby and I were

both found with one violation each. We accepted those violations, and saw the merit behind the board's decision," Gundana said.

Schafer confirmed, stating that "There were violations that occurred prior to my appointment as Elections Director ... The bylaws state that the use of email to represent yourself as a candidate prior to the mandatory candidates meeting is a violation. Emails are allowed, provided their content is in accordance to the bylaws. This may have been where there was a misunderstanding."

Both Brady and Cullen said that the reasoning behind making the statement was "justice."

"We feel that he was held to a different slate of rules than the rest of the campaigns were. We were told we weren't allowed to do certain things. He did those things, went through the process and he was charged with \$125 off of his campaign. That is far from justice," Brady said.

Brady attributed the issue to the current process for filing election allegations.

"The big thing here is interpretation, Brady said. "I see each specific rule as they are listed by letter: if you break one of them, that's a violation, if you break another, that's another. The Elections Board sees it as if one person on the campaign breaks 10 rules, it's one violation."

Ultimately, when it comes to his campaign, Gundana stated that he believed he and Martin were following the rules.

"Abby and I are wholeheartedly dedicated to Clemson's core values of honesty, integrity and respect. We hold those very dear to us and we would never do anything or run for a position where we thought we were going to not be upholding those values," Gundana said.

"We would not run if we were doing something malicious, because that would be a disservice for Clemson. We both love Clemson so much and if we thought we would be bad leaders or were running unfairly, we would not be running for this position. ... We went through a fair process and hope to move past this," he continued.

Similarly, Brady and Cullen believe that what they're doing will bring about transparency and fairness within the campaign.

"This is not political, this is not to take down one candidate this is not to slander anybody. This is to show the people of Clemson how broken the system is, and to give myself and the other candidates the chance to run and have a fair chance to win. All of these violations were brought to the attention of the elections board and only three were submitted before the people presiding over the hearing," Brady said.

"If I didn't do what I was doing now, I wouldn't be doing my job," Cullen said. "Transparency is a huge issue. I hope all of the students look into all of the campaigns and make an informed vote."

The CUSG elections will continue as follows, with a primary election coming up Feb. 22.



Nazanin Zinouri, left, holds up a sign saying "Naz Is In" in the Logan International Airport in Boston after returning to the U.S. on Feb. 5.

Nazanin Zinouri returns to the U.S. after being stranded in Iran

Katie McCarthy
News Editor

Clemson University graduate and Iranian citizen Dr. Nazanin Zinouri returned to the U.S. on Feb. 5 after a week of uncertainty about whether she would be allowed back into the country.

Zinouri arrived at Logan International Airport in Boston on Feb. 5. From Boston, Zinouri will fly into Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport on Feb. 6 just after noon, according to a tweet made by her employer, Modjoul.

Zinouri made international headlines after she posted on Facebook about her removal from a flight in Dubai on Jan. 28. She was removed as a result of President Donald Trump's executive order halting immigration from seven Middle Eastern countries, including Iran.

On Feb. 3, U.S. District Court Judge James Robart ordered a halt on the ban's enforcement. The Justice Department appealed the

ruling late Feb. 4, saying the president had the constitutional authority to order the ban. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit denied the government's request for an immediate stay of the ruling on Feb. 5.

Eric Martinez, the founder and CEO of Modjoul where Zinouri is currently employed, released this statement about her attempt to return to the U.S. before she was cleared to return:

"We are obviously encouraged by the Judge's order and can only surmise that it is a positive development for Nazanin. However, we simply do not yet have any clarity around its actual impact to our efforts to bring her home."

Two Clemson professors also plan to publicly fast for a week to press the university's administration to take a more firmer stand against President Trump's executive order.

Chenjerai Kumanyika and Todd May said they will begin "The Fast Against Silence" on Feb. 6. The two

professors plan to protest on the steps of Sikes Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sikes Hall, where the president's office is located, was the site of last year's Sikes Sit-In. They have invited faculty, staff, students and members of the community to join.

Kumanyika will still teach his classes; May is on sabbatical.

"Our fasting is a symbolic statement of solidarity with those who are suffering because of the ban," May said in an email to The Tiger. "We understand that Clemson's particular approach to the ban should be rooted in its damage to higher education and to those who suffer because of their being banned from it here in the U.S., but we also want to ensure that people remember that President Trump's attempt to keep people from our shores is exposing many innocent people in places like Syria to horrific suffering."

Continue to check thetigernews.com for updates throughout the week.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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The front page of The Tiger on Feb. 10, 2012, when the Clemson University Board of Trustees approved plans for Douthitt Hills, the Watt Center and additional campus facilities.

Top five things you need to know

Denver Downs Farm to host Valentine's drive-in movie event on Feb. 11

Denver Downs is hosting the farm's first "Valentine's Day Event" on Feb. 11. The event will have a Double Featured Drive in Movie with "Beauty and the Beast" at 6:30 p.m. and "Sweet Home Alabama" at 8:30 p.m.

Patrons will be able to get cozy by the bonfires and make s'mores before the movies begin (or between movies). Concessions including popcorn, s'more kits, candy, soft drinks, water and pizza from Guy's Pizza will also be available for purchase.

Entrance to the event is \$25 per carload. Tickets may be purchased in advance on Ticketleap with a credit card or cash only at the event. Gates will open at 4:45 p.m.

For more information, check out the Denver Downs Farm Facebook page.

Man charged by Clemson police for Jan. 29 armed robbery

A man has been charged in connection to an armed robbery that occurred on Jan. 29, Clemson police said.

Jefferey Warreyon Whitaker, 23, of Central has been charged with Armed Robbery and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime.

Police responded to an apartment off Creekside Drive on Jan. 29 after receiving a 911 call reporting that a person had been robbed.

The victim told police someone knocked on the door of his apartment and when he opened it, the suspect hit him across the forehead with a pistol and demanded items from inside the apartment.

The victim said he was able to get the door closed, stopping the suspect from entering. The victim then called the police.

Police said the suspect had fled by the time they arrived. The suspect did not get into the apartment and nothing was taken. The victim wasn't hurt and refused medical treatment, according to the report.

Whitaker was taken to the Clemson City jail to await a bond hearing.

Clemson and Greenville Health System collaborate to expand nursing program

Katie McCarthy
News Editor

Clemson University and Greenville Health System (GHS) have joined together to build a new nursing school in Greenville as part of an effort to ease the growing shortage of nurses.

Expected to open in fall 2018, the new four-story, 78,255-square-foot space will more than double enrollment in Clemson's traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

The facility will offer a hospital-like environment

with virtual reality IV simulators and high-fidelity human-patient simulators, classrooms and offices.

The \$31.5 million facility will be on GHS's Grove Road campus, next to the University Of South Carolina School Of Medicine Greenville.

Clemson Nursing students will take general education and nursing foundation courses at the university's main campus during their freshman and sophomore years.

Then, during their junior and senior years,

approximately half of the nursing students will take courses at GHS and complete their clinical rotations at one or more of Greenville Health System's seven participating campuses. Clemson will pay programming fees to GHS as part of the agreement.

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration reports that there will be a shortfall of more than one million nurses in the U.S. by 2020 due to a combination of fewer people going into nursing and the retirement of current nurses. South Carolina is one of

16 states projected to have a nursing shortage through 2025.

"This collaborative initiative by Clemson and GHS will allow the health system to meet the growing need for highly educated and experienced nurses to ensure the highest quality health care for patients, while at the same time strengthening the university's commitment to vitally important health sciences fields," Clemson President James P. Clements said. "Clemson is excited about this next step in its partnership with GHS."

Board of Trustees approve plans for new Clemson buildings, extend Clements' contract, pay raises for football assistant coaches

Katie McCarthy
News Editor

During its quarterly meeting at the Madren Conference Center on Feb. 1 and 2, the Clemson University Board of Trustees approved final-phase plans and resolutions authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to construct a new academic building which will house the College of Business, as well as a new tennis center on campus.

The business college will relocate from its current home in Sirrine Hall, which was built in 1938, to a new 162,000-square-foot building scheduled to open in summer 2019.

It will include classrooms and learning laboratories, faculty and administrative offices, study and gathering spaces and common areas for greater collaboration among students, faculty, staff and business partners.

The total project cost, estimated at \$87.5 million, will be funded through a combination of state capital appropriations, state institution bonds and private gift funds.

Sirrine Hall will be used for the university's ongoing

maintenance and stewardship plan for older facilities.

Trustees also approved plans for the proposed tennis center for the men's and women's varsity teams.

The new 48,000-square-foot tennis center will include six indoor courts, two outdoor courts, a clubhouse, locker rooms, a training room, equipment rooms, a players' lounge, laundry and coaches' offices, a ticket office, public restrooms and related site work. It will also retain some existing tennis facilities, including outdoor competition courts and a 700-seat permanent stadium.

The total project cost, estimated at \$12.5 million, will be funded by either athletic facilities revenue bonds and/or athletic private gifts. It is scheduled to be completed in winter 2017-18.

Trustees also approved a \$10 million budget for renovations and expansion of IPTAY offices at Memorial Stadium. It will be funded by athletic private gifts.

In relation to academic programs, the trustees also approved: a new online Master of Science degree in data science and analytics; adding MUSC in Charleston

as an additional location for Master of Science in Bioengineering and Master of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering courses; transitioning the Registered Nurse (RN)/Bachelor of Science Completion Program to online delivery; a name change from Master of Arts in Professional Communication to Master of Arts in Writing, Rhetoric and Media; a concentration merger in Bachelor of Science Materials Science and Engineering; and the lease renewal for the component testing laboratory at CU-ICAR in Greenville.

The trustees also approved extending the contract for President James P. Clements to Feb. 2, 2022. Clements' original contract was set to expire at the end of 2018. The financial terms of the president's contract have not changed. Clements currently earns an annual salary of \$801,330. The state of South Carolina pays \$312,530 with the remaining \$488,800 being paid by the Clemson University Foundation.

Trustees also approved salary increases for the associate vice president for enrollment management, the

associate provost and dean of the graduate school, the associate provost for faculty affairs and the chief of staff.

Trustees also approved staff raises for seven returning football assistant coaches. In all, the board Thursday approved \$775,000 in raises for assistants who helped the Tigers win a national championship last season.

Defensive coordinator Brent Venables' contract was extended through 2020 and he earned a raise of \$275,000, bringing his salary to \$1.7 million next season.

Co-offensive coordinators Tony Elliott and Jeff Scott both received raises of \$175,000, bringing their salaries to \$800,000.

Offensive line coach Robbie Caldwell's salary increased to \$515,000, a raise of \$50,000.

Quarterbacks coach Brandon Streeter's salary increased by \$55,000 to \$430,000, tight ends coach Danny Pearman's by \$25,000 to \$460,000 and cornerbacks coach Mike Reed's by \$20,000 to \$420,000.

New safeties coach Mickey Conn will make \$350,000 while new defensive line coach Todd Bates will earn \$250,000.

Documentary 'Merchants of Doubt,' discussion with Bob Inglis, to be held on Feb. 8

There will be a free film screening of the documentary "Merchants of Doubt" followed by a discussion with former U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the Self Auditorium of the Strom Thurmond Institute.

The documentary, directed by Robert Kenner, exposes pundits-for-hire who present themselves as scientific authorities as they speak about topics such as toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals and climate change.

After the film, Inglis will give a presentation on environmental sustainability. He is the executive director of RepublicEN, an organization that advocates for free-enterprise solutions to climate change.

The screening is hosted by the Strom Thurmond Institute and RepublicEN.org.

Clemson scientists hope to breed healthier, tastier peaches

A research team, led by Clemson University geneticist Ksenija Gasic, hopes to boost the taste, smell and nutritional value of peaches using a three-year, \$150,000 grant.

The scientists hope to evaluate the biochemical and molecular regulation of carotenoid accumulation in peaches and other stone fruits. Carotenoids are responsible for the color, flavor and smell of stone fruit like peaches. These molecules also have antioxidant properties and are rich in Vitamin A.

She is teaming up with associate professor of biological sciences Douglas Bielenberg and researchers at the Israel Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on the project.

They plan to map the genetics and breed for fruit with higher levels of carotenoids which they hope will lead to healthier and tastier peaches.

CRIME LOG

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| Feb. 4: Location: 100 Block College St Time: Around 11 p.m. Incident: Loud Music/Party | Feb. 1: Location: 600 Block Old Shirley Rd Time: Around 12 a.m. Incident: Motor Vehicle Theft |
| Location: 100 Block Old Central Rd Time: Around 4 p.m. Incident: Loud Music/Party | Jan. 31: No incidents reported. |
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CLEMSON events

Monday, Feb. 6

Clemson Miracle Your Pie Proceed Night
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Your Pie
110 Earle St, Ste E
Clemson, SC 29631
Must mention Clemson Miracle for donation to count

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Community Yoga
8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m.
South Carolina Botanical Garden, Upper Lawn

Thursday, Feb. 9

Jessica Lang Dance
Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students
7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Brooks Center for the Performing Arts

Friday, Feb. 10

Ally Training
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location TBD
Register online at clemson.edulganttreg

Plain White T's
Doors 7 p.m., Show 8 p.m.
Memorial Auditorium at Tillman Hall
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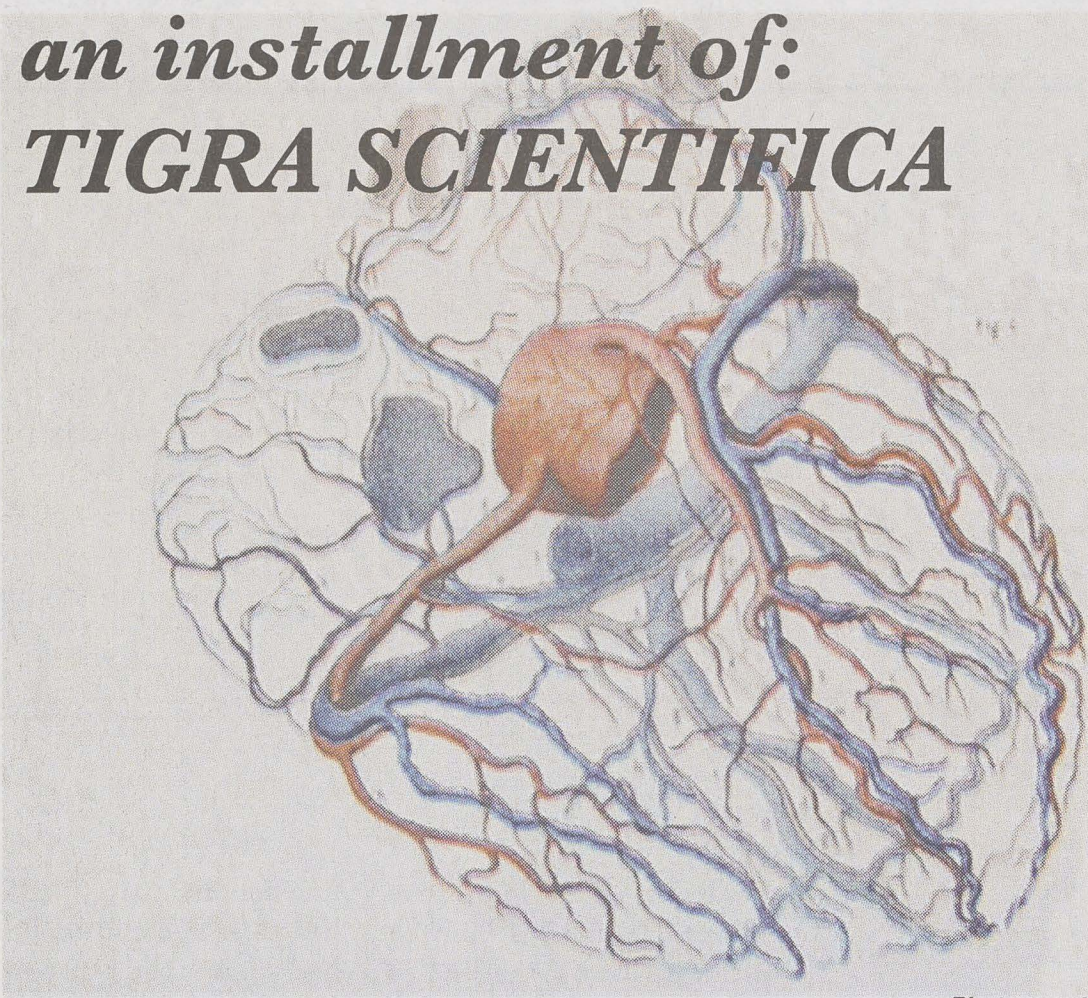


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Brislan Bellamy
Contributor

Congenital heart defects (CHDs) are common types of birth defects. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over one million children in the U.S. alone are living with CHDs.

These defects disrupt the normal flow of blood through the heart. Although these defects range in severity, treatment often requires multiple surgeries and lifelong use of medication.

Fortunately, thanks to researchers at the University of Minnesota, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Science Daily reports that a study led by Robert Tranquillo and his colleagues

may lead to a potential remedy for the problem — artificial blood vessels.

Using a gelatin-like material and skin cells from sheep, Robert Tranquillo and his team were able to engineer a blood vessel.

They manufactured vessel-like tubes and then pumped in nutrients to encourage cell growth over a five-week period.

The researchers used special detergents to wash away all of the lamb cells in order to prevent an immune response and then implanted the tubes into five-week-old lambs to replace their pulmonary artery. The recipient lambs' own cells colonized the tubes, allowing the implants to grow as the recipients grew.

Tranquillo calls his method, "The perfect marriage between tissue engineering and regenerative medicine." The major breakthrough of the study was that recipients' own cells repopulated the implant. This is the key to unlocking the benefits of an artificial blood vessel made available for human implantation in the future.

Tranquillo said that his next step will be seeking approval from the FDA for human clinical trials. If approved for use in humans, some children born with CHDs may no longer need multiple surgeries. Instead, CHDs could be corrected with a single procedure using this artificial blood vessel technique.

Clemson celebrates Black History Month with talks, food and music

Chris Edwards
Contributor

Clemson University will celebrate Black History Month this year with a series of events designed to inform faculty, staff and students about African-American history.

"The celebration will provide a valuable opportunity for all members of our campus community," said Keenan Jones, Graduate Assistant for Multicultural Programs at Clemson University and Chair of the planning committee for Black History Month programs. "The events are designed to celebrate culture and allow attendees to become better educated on the rich contributions of those of African descent to the greater society."

Clemson's Black History Month celebrations kicked off on Feb. 1 when spoken word artist Clint Smith and three students put on a performance in the Hendrix Student Center. Smith is a National Poetry Slam

champion as well as a teacher, writer and doctoral candidate at Harvard. He came to Clemson's campus to discuss "a series of work relevant to the past, present and future of Black America."

Additional celebrations will take place throughout the month, including Step Afrika, which took place on Feb. 4; special dining hall menus each week; and a day trip to Atlanta to learn about the civil rights era.

Celebrations will wrap up with the Black History Month Address, which will take place on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in Tillman Hall. The keynote speaker is Lawrence Ross, a prominent African American speaker, writer, author and lecturer. He has lectured at over 600 colleges and universities.

"We are electrified to have [him]," Jones said. "His recent published work speaks at the historical and contemporary issue of campus racism on predominately white campuses."

Jones said Black History Month wouldn't be

a success if it weren't for the planning committee and the celebration's sponsors, which include the Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Multicultural Center, the Division of Student Affairs, University Housing and Dining, Office of Inclusion and Equity, CLEMSON LIVE, the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, the Department of Pan African Studies and the Academic Success Center.

"This is the first time in a very long time that Clemson has had an organized calendar of events celebrating black history during this time," Jones said. "This is in response to a true desire to support the black student community at Clemson."

"The black community wants to be celebrated. We want to share our culture with the campus. But it goes beyond us — nurturing a climate of diversity, inclusion and respect is a key component of The Clemson Forward plan. Our efforts support this effort," he said.

black history month calendar of events

Saturday, Feb. 11

Day trip to Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, Feb. 27

**Black History Month
address**

7 p.m. @ Tillman Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Plant a Seed

11 a.m. @ Life Science Bldg

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The Barnes Center, Clemson's new 'hangout spot,' set to open Feb. 18

John Tison
Contributor

The new Barnes Center will open on Feb. 18 at the Sheep Barn on Cherry Road, across from the high-rises. It will be a new social spot on campus for students to hang out on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Hannah Muldoon, Assistant Director for Student Programs, is confident it will stand out from other hangout spots on campus. Unlike the

Student Union or the rooms in the library, the Barnes Center is non-reservable.

"Students will always be able to come and have a space," according to Muldoon.

A few of the things that will be happening at the Barnes Center once it opens include: Karaoke, Game Night, acoustic concerts, various themed events and one reoccurring event called DIY After Dark.

The first few events will be:

- Feb. 18 — Barnes Center Galaxy: Grand Opening
- Feb. 23 — DIY After Dark
- Feb. 24 — MiC Off with CLEMSONLIVE
- Feb. 25 — Arcade All Night

All events start at 10 p.m.

The barn is the oldest surviving and relatively intact structure associated with the original Clemson College Agricultural Department, having been built in 1904. On Jan. 4, 1990, the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2014, the barn became the Barnes Center after a gift was given to Clemson University by the Barnes family. It is now finishing up renovation.

The Barnes Center itself is in memory of Frank Barnes, Jr., who passed away in 2012. There will be information on his biography inside the center itself.

If you have any ideas for events at the Barnes Center, contact Hannah Muldoon at hmuldoo@clemson.edu.

Clemson NEDA walk to raise awareness about eating disorders

Katie McCarthy
News Editor

The National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) Walk will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. in Nettles Park to support of those suffering from eating disorders.

"The goal of the NEDA Walk is to raise awareness about eating disorders and to educate people about the dangers surrounding eating disorders," said Ashley McMullen, a sophomore PRM major who is an organizer for the event.

McMullen was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa during her freshman year of high school and received treatment at an inpatient treatment facility at UNC Chapel Hill.

"This treatment center was four hours away from

my home in Columbia, South Carolina, but was the closest option because South Carolina did not have any treatment centers at the time," McMullen said.

"While in treatment I learned about NEDA and the ways it helps to raise awareness about eating disorders and provide support for people who have eating disorders."

The following year, McMullen and her mom planned the first NEDA Walk in South Carolina. This year, the fifth annual NEDA walk will be held in Columbia.

"I hope the NEDA walk will encourage and inspire someone who might be struggling to seek help and let them know that they are not alone," McMullen said.

NEDA hosts more than 40 national walks each year to raise awareness and funds in support of their

goal. McMullen wanted to bring the walk to Clemson because of how common eating disorders are among college students.

The Eating for Life Alliance estimates clinical eating disorders affect 10-20 percent of female university students and 4-10 percent of male university students, and NEDA estimates 20 million women and 10 million men in the U.S. will suffer from a clinically significant eating disorder during their lifetime. Clemson students can seek treatment for eating disorders through CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services).

"I think that often times people feel like they are the only ones who are going through this, so I hope that when people leave the walk they will feel empowered and know that there is hope," McMullen said.

According to the event's Facebook page, the goal is to raise \$10,000 to support NEDA in accomplishing its goal to "envision a world without eating disorders." According to the NEDA website, the raised funds go toward education programs for early intervention, programs and services to support family members and advocacy programs that improve access to care.

"NEDA Awareness Week starts Sunday, Feb. 26, the day after the walk, and the theme this year is 'It's time to talk about it.' By starting a conversation and raising awareness about eating disorders, we can help those struggling receive the treatment they need," McMullen said.

For more information about the walk, visit <https://www.nedawalk.org/>

EARLY NFL DRAFT PREDICTIONS

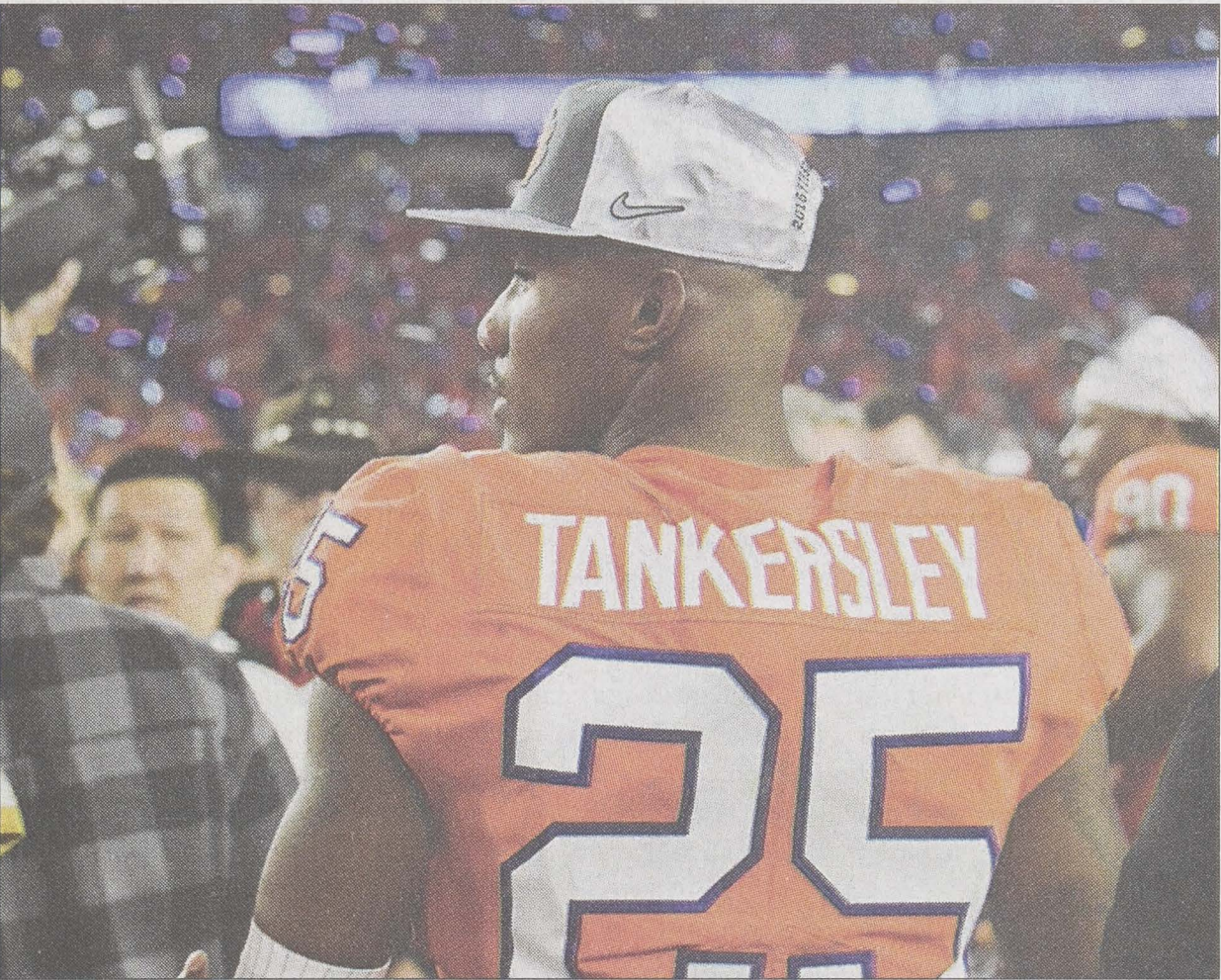
Ten Tigers are likely to enter the
NFL this year



Senior Carlos Watkins (94) led the Tigers' defense in sacks in the 2016 season.



Junior Wayne Gallman (9) will forego his senior season to enter the NFL Draft.



Cordrea Tankersley (25) had a team-high four interceptions in the 2016 season.

Colin Halm
Asst. Sports Editor

The football off-season can be long and arduous. It lasts from the middle of February to the end of August, but there are events dotted throughout to keep even the most hardcore fan's appetite whetted. The Senior Bowl has come and gone, highlighting the talents of Clemson's Ben Boulware and Artavis Scott.

The NFL Combine rolls around in early March, but is more of a skills competition than an actual game. It gives teams a chance to watch the best of the best show off their athleticism, albeit in a controlled environment. All of this culminates into the event of the season: the NFL Draft.

The draft attempts to take young NCAA players and give them a chance to make money playing the sport they love against the best players in the world.

Hopefully joining the ranks of those professionals are Clemson quarterback (QB) Deshaun Watson, wide receivers (WR) Mike Williams and Artavis Scott, tight end (TE) Jordan Leggett, running back (RB) Wayne Gallman, center (C) Jay Guillermo, cornerback (CB) Cordrea Tankersley, strong safety (SS) Jadar Johnson, inside linebacker (ILB) Ben Boulware and defensive tackle (DT) Carlos Watkins.

Deshaun Watson headlines the group of National Champions headed to the NFL. At 6'2" and 215 pounds, Watson is slightly smaller than the average dual-threat quarterback. He has a strong and accurate arm, but somewhat questionable decision-making skills. Reading the defense could also be difficult for him at the professional level. Clemson runs a spread offense, which often doesn't require the quarterback to make a read of the defense before the snap.

Most pro-style offenses, i.e. the types of offenses utilized by the NFL, do require pre-snap reads and if Watson really does have a lack of ability in this area it could destroy his draft stock.

As it stands, his leadership qualities and ability to play under pressure remain his best qualities and are important factors in the progress of superstar players. Watson has had his value debated by many, but it is likely he is drafted in the first round and maybe even in the top 10.

Wide receiver Mike

Williams is an impressive player. He uses his body to create space off the line of scrimmage which in turn gives him a better release than most other receivers. Williams also has very good speed for a player of his height, and he uses it after the catch to break away from defenders in hot pursuit.

The Combine will only highlight his natural athleticism further than what can be seen on his tape. Drops have been the only detrimental part of his game, but those can be improved with a little more focus. Expect Williams to also be in the mix as a top-10 pick.

Fellow receiver Artavis Scott has also declared for the draft. He was the first ever three-year player to have competed in the Senior Bowl because he had completed his degree. Scott is one of those guys that is quick off the line, but probably won't have that special breakaway speed that former Clemson receiver Sammy Watkins possessed.

His sure hands are a great benefit, though; since the NFL has been plagued by superstars like Odell Beckham Jr. who can't always secure the ball. He profiles as a slot receiver and could go anywhere in the last three rounds of the draft.

Wayne Gallman is the best running back the Tigers have had since C.J. Spiller. Spiller has unfortunately had an injury ridden career culminating in a brief stint with the Seattle Seahawks this year. Gallman has a different skill set than Spiller, highlighted by his high motor. The best thing about Gallman is that he never quits. Even if he is hit before the line, he always finds a way to gain a few yards out of it.

Last year, Gallman had the lowest percentage of rushes that were for loss. That kind of stat could go a long way in the pros. He isn't very high profile as of yet, but that could change with the Combine coming up. Look for him in the third round.

On the other side of the ball, Carlos Watkins became one of the many forces to be reckoned with on the defensive line. It is the job of the defensive tackle to just take up space and slow down the run game. What Watkins does better than most at his position is get after the quarterback.

Only Watkins and Alabama linemen Jonathan Allen led their respective teams in sacks as interior

linemen in 2016. Watkins has great size and mobility, but has had problems playing toward the shoulders of the opposing linemen. This causes him to become unbalanced and knocked out of the play. With that in mind, Watkins will fall somewhere in the second round.

Cordrea Tankersley was the one hold over from last year's full secondary rebuild. Younger guys like Mackenzie Alexander and T.J. Green left for the draft, but Tankersley stayed. He built up his already impressive draft stock this past season by recording 11 pass breakups and four interceptions.

What Tankersley lacks in speed he makes up for in tackling. If he was ever beat outright, Tankersley made sure to get the tackle if the receiver slowed down for any reason. In man-to-man coverage he is quite good, but he will need to work on his zone coverage if he is going to stick in the NFL.

Safety Jadar Johnson is one of the more wildcard-type players in the draft. He has the athleticism to play in the NFL, but he doesn't have the coverage skills. If drafted, he would be projected to go somewhere around the fifth or sixth round because of how raw his talent still is.

Ben Boulware is not a new name in the world of college football. If he isn't suplexing a player, he is leading the Tiger's defense to a national title. Listed as the number 12 ILB, Boulware is lower in the rankings than most fans would believe. While his physical skills are good, his mental mistakes can't be ignored. Boulware is not very good at tackling with any consistency. He has plenty of highlight reel tackles, but he has been known to miss easy ones, most notably against tight ends.

Boulware is listed as an inside linebacker, but he can't execute the responsibilities of one at the next level. His pass coverage is downright terrible and he doesn't do a good job of covering his gap against the run.

His best chance at landing with an NFL team is impressing during the combine and hoping some team takes a flier on him with their seventh-round pick.

Clemson has made great strides in producing NFL-quality talent in recent years, and the class of 2017 will be no different. The NFL Draft is scheduled for April 27-29 in Philadelphia.

| TIGER STAFF NFL DRAFT PREDICTIONS: | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Wayne Gallman | Carlos Watkins | Ben Boulware |
| Staff Average | Late second round | Early third round | Early fourth round |
| Colin's Prediction | Late third round | Middle third round | Late seventh round |

Basketball **IMPACT** players: Week 14

Holmes, Blossomgame, Thomas leading way for Tigers' late season comeback

Cole Little
Senior Staff Writer

The Clemson Tigers men's basketball team has been playing well recently, collecting key victories over the Pitt Panthers and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. In fact, both wins have served as catalysts in the Tigers' hunt for a March Madness slot. With a deep roster, Clemson has been using its wide variety of lineups to revitalize its offense as of late, and three players in particular have been leading the way.

Avry Holmes transferred to Clemson three years ago from the University of San Francisco, and had had quite the positive impact that on the Tigers since then. Now a senior, combo guard Holmes has really come into his own, serving as a spark plug for Clemson since the beginning of the season.

Holmes, a natural point guard with the shooting ability of a two guard, has fully embraced his roles as a leader and a team captain this year, and his locker room presence has become invaluable. A relentless scorer, Holmes has upped his game from beyond the arc this season, as he is currently shooting over 50 percent from three-point territory in conference play.

Knocking down four of four three-pointers against Georgia Tech last week, Holmes showcased why he is such a dangerous shooter

and a versatile offensive threat. Speaking on his hotshot guard's performance in the matchup with the Yellow Jackets, Clemson Head Coach Brad Brownell told reporters, "He got some good looks and knocked them down; he shot the ball really well. I thought he played with pretty good poise, didn't take many bad shots. Today, Avry was really good."

Fifth-year senior forward Jaron Blossomgame has a bright future ahead of him in the NBA, but he returned to Clemson this season, in part to take care of some unfinished business. The Tigers have not reached the NCAA Tournament since 2011, and Blossomgame, a reigning All-ACC member, has made it clear through his play that a Big Dance selection is a major goal of his.

A Renaissance man on the basketball court, Blossomgame is the Tigers' most skilled player on both sides of the ball. Although foul trouble prevented his stat line from standing out in Clemson's home clash with Georgia Tech last week, he used his trademark leadership abilities and playmaking skills to help the Tigers win, throwing down an electrifying reverse dunk in the process.

Averaging 18 points per game at present, Blossomgame is consistently stringing together great performance after great performance and looking the part of one of the ACC's

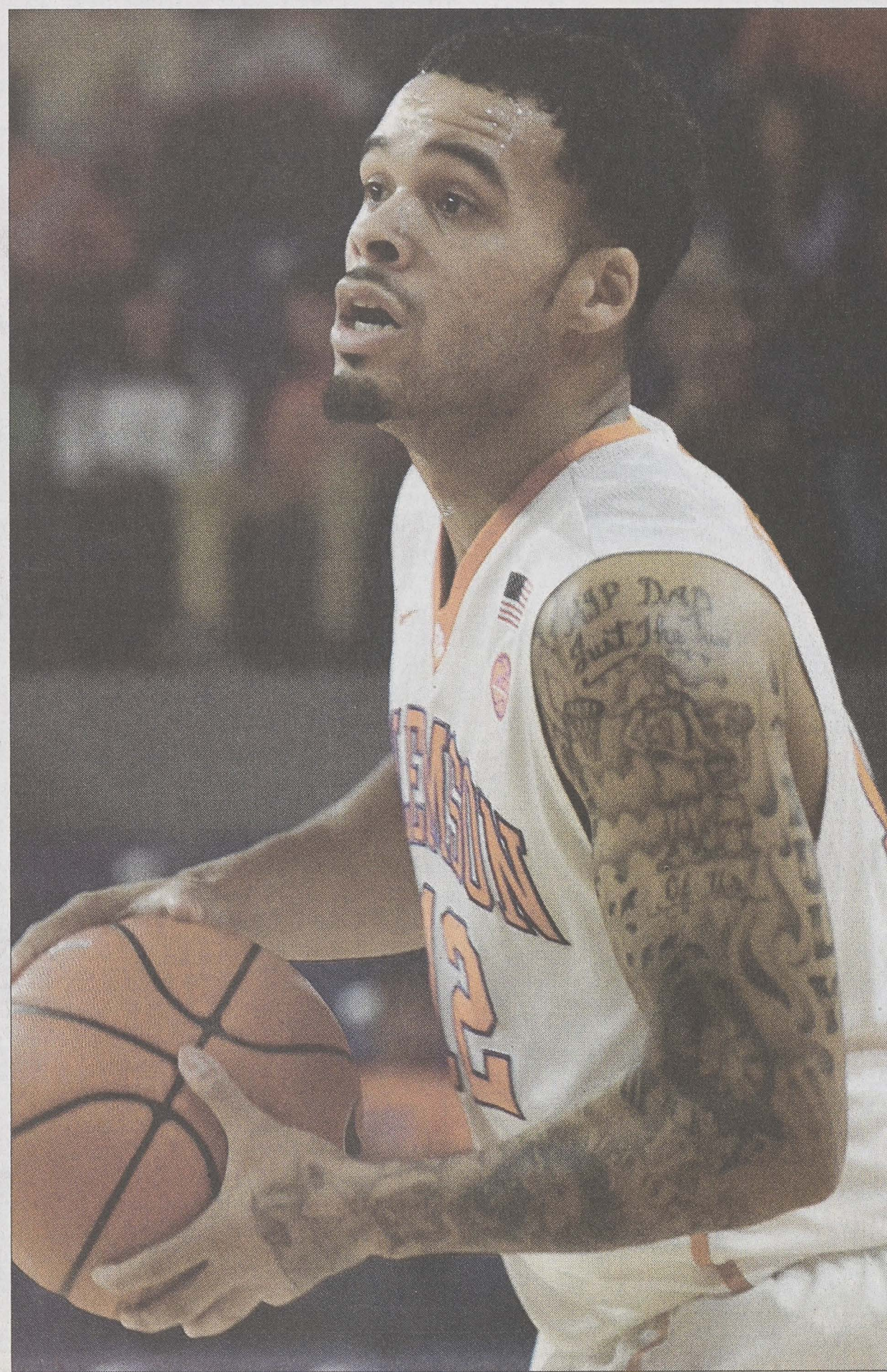
best all-around players.

Elijah Thomas has continued his upward swing in the frontcourt recently, with the power forward collecting a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds versus the Yellow Jackets. A transfer from Texas A&M, Thomas was only just eligible to suit up for the Tigers in mid-December, but he has already solidified himself as their most important big man.

A young talent, Thomas still has room for improvement, particularly with regard to limiting his fouling, but he is well on his way to becoming a double-double machine.

The Tigers seem to be setting up to perform well down the home stretch of the regular season, which will be vital for their postseason implications. If Clemson is to get selected to play in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in six years, all three of the previously mentioned impact players must continue to consistently perform at a high level.

With a nice mixture of veterans and youngsters, Clemson's roster is built for a late-season run. This wacky college basketball season seems to be completely up for grabs. And, with Blossomgame, Holmes and Thomas playing well, the Tigers could very well take advantage of that unpredictability by shocking the hoops world come Tournament time.



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Senior Avry Holmes (12) transferred to Clemson three years ago and has become an offensive weapon for the Tigers. He is shooting over 50 percent on the season.

Indoor track and field teams looking to have historic season

Tigers shine at Bob Pollock Invitational

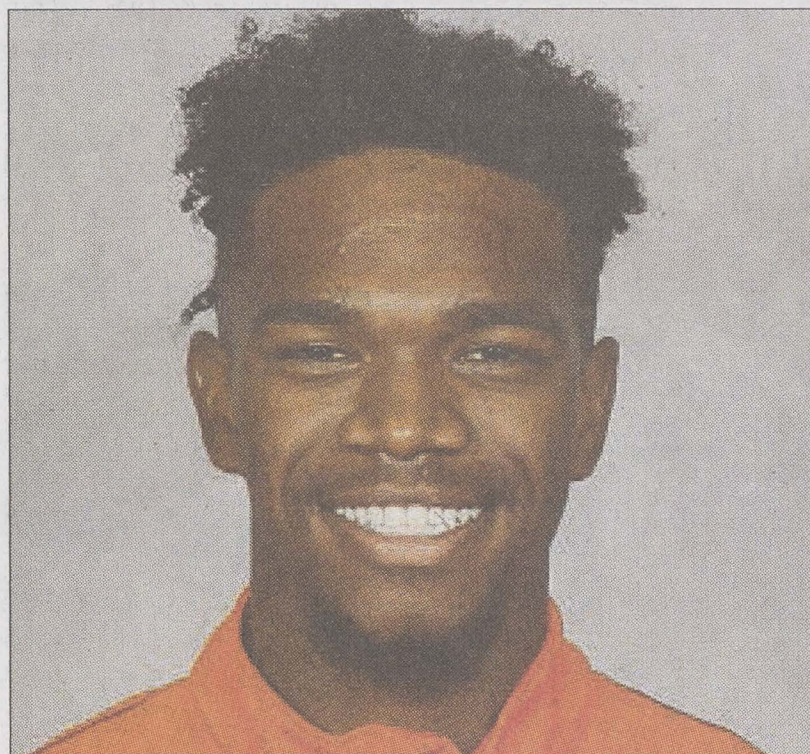


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Freshman Terrell Jackson is a middle-distance runner for Clemson and could be a nationally ranked competitor.

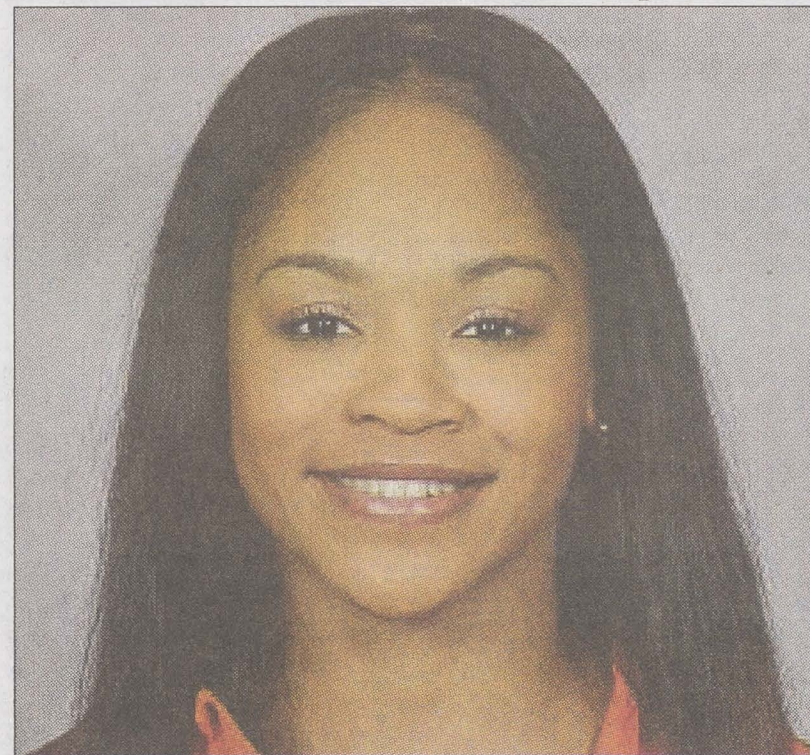


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Sabria Hadley won the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.51

Cole Little
Senior Staff Writer

The current indoor track and field season has seen the Clemson Tigers establish themselves as one of the ACC's best and brightest programs, with the Tigers putting forth some impressive times and distances at every meet. In recent weeks, the Tigers have fared remarkably well at the Bob Pollock Invitational and the Charlie Thomas Invitational, as a well-rounded roster has enabled Clemson to compete for top spots in every facet of competition.

Clemson hosted the Bob Pollock Invitational two weeks ago, the third of five home meets for the Tigers this track and field season.

The event, named in honor of renowned former Clemson track and field coach Bob Pollock, featured a glowing performance from sprinter Sabria Hadley, who won the women's 200-meter dash with an impressive time of 23.51.

Elsewhere, All-American distance runner Grace Barnett continued her solid season by taking second place in the women's

800 meters at 2:09.57.

On the men's side, rising star Jeffrey Green won the 600-meter race, while freshman sprinter Trevious Frazier ran a personal best 21.59 in an eighth-place finish in the 200 meters. Also, the men's 4x400-meter relay squad finished in second place with a time of 3:08.82 that stood as the eighth fastest time in the nation upon completion.

Led by freshman phenom Terrell Jackson, the men's middle-distance group has proven to be in heavy contention for being one of the nation's very best this season.

At last week's Charlie Thomas Invitational, hosted by Texas A&M, the men's relay success continued, this time in the distance medley relay.

Anchored by James Quattlebaum, the Tigers won the race in impressive fashion, and the women's DMR unit, featuring superb sophomore Imani McGowan, placed third. The star of the meet, however, was the multi-talented Angelica Collins.

The junior achieved two personal bests in two winning efforts, taking first in the 60-meter sprint and the long jump. With both

events occurring in the same day, Collins displayed just how incredibly athletic she is, especially by way of running the eighth fastest time in the country in the 60 meters.

In other events at the Charlie Thomas Invitational, hurdler Markeeta Thomas won the women's 60-meter hurdles race, and John Lewis placed second in the men's 800-meter run. The Clemson men's 4x400 team fared well again, earning second place with the second fastest time in program history of 3:07.15.

Also of note, versatile runner Mpho Makofane and the aforementioned Quattlebaum placed third and sixth, respectively, in the men's mile race.

With a plethora of talent in several different sects of the track and field foray, the Clemson Tigers are proving to be one of the deepest programs in the nation so far this year.

Led by an elite coaching staff manned by veteran Head Coach Mark Elliott, the Tigers are primed to compete for the ACC team title in both men's and women's indoor and outdoor.

From Grace Barnett, one of the nation's best distance runners, to elite jumpers Iana Amsterdam, Shai Carpenter and Chris McBride, as well as promising thrower Majayla Holland, the talent is virtually endless for the 2016-2017 Clemson Tigers.

Catalyzed by the revamped Clemson Indoor Track & Field Complex, which features a banked track which is considered to be one of the fastest tracks in the nation, the Tigers are shooting for the stars this indoor season, and outdoor season should bring with it the same lofty expectations.

As of now, the Tigers' times and distances are so good that the leaderboards have been conspicuously dominated by Clemson competitors at the Tigers' meets.

If those trends continue, Clemson could experience one of its most successful track and field seasons ever, which, because of the immense talent and superior coaching boasted by the Tigers, would not be surprising in the least.

Clemson is sprinting for glory this year and is off to quite the fast start in so doing.

Clemson football lands nationally ranked recruiting class

Swinney adds 15 new players to the 2017 roster

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Quality over quantity. That was always the goal for Dabo Swinney's Tigers. On Feb. 1, Swinney received letters of intent from 11 future Tigers, ushering in a new class to help replace the outgoing alumni.

With Deshaun Watson leaving for the NFL, Swinney and co. have traversed the country to find the next man up. Hunter Johnson was an early enrollee and Chase Brice recently became an official member of the team.

Johnson comes out of Brownsburg, IN as the number one pocket passer in the class of 2017. Brice is a little bit closer to his home in Loganville, Georgia, but he will still have to compete for the limited amount of playing time there is available at quarterback.

Travis Etienne was a very late addition to the running back corps, but could prove to be indispensable choice for a position that is also losing its starter. The hole left by Wayne Gallman could go to Adam Choice, Tavien Feaster or C.J. Fuller. If one or two of those guys falters, Etienne will be there to pick up the slack. It would be a similar situation to how Gallman secured the

starting job back in 2015.

Etienne, however, will have to show better running between the tackles before he locks up the first-string spot.

A couple of good pickups in the secondary reside in the form of A.J. Terrell and Baylon Spector. It is possible Spector won't play safety, but his predicted position is somewhere on defense and safety fits his skillset the best at this moment.

A new wide receiver was also needed, following the departure of top guys Mike Williams and Artavis Scott. Tee Higgins and Amari Rodgers fill both of those roles admirably. While it is unlikely that both of them will start regularly, Clemson runs a receiver carousel and will give both of them some time to play during the 2017 season. Deon Cain will likely take over as the deep threat, but the rest of the roles are up for grabs.

The offensive line wasn't devastated by this year's graduates, but three more linemen signed on to shore up the depth behind the starters. Matt Bockhorst, Blake Vinson and Noah DeHond all look like future starters after a year or two of work.

The surprise of signing day was the commitment of LeAnthony Williams

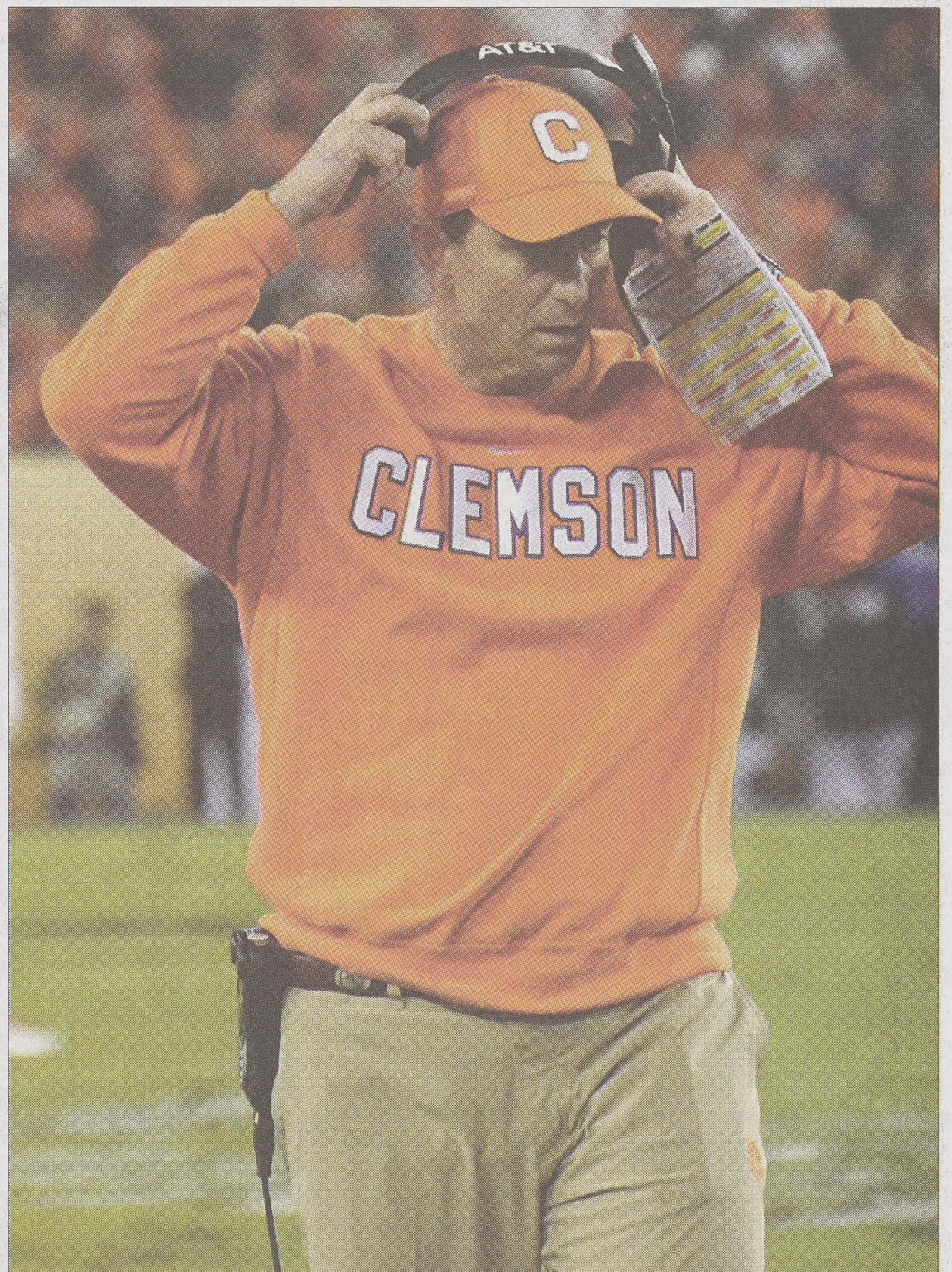
Jr. from Roswell, Georgia. Williams was also considering Alabama, Auburn and Florida, but chose to sign with the Tigers last minute.

Williams is listed as a four-star prospect by 247Sports and is projected to be in the mix at cornerback after two years, probably including a redshirt year.

Dabo's son Will also committed as a preferred walk-on. Swinney is not expected to compete for a starting job at any point in his collegiate career, but special teams could be a good fit for him. Swinney Jr. won't be the only coach's son on the team after this year as Brent Venables' son is set to join the team in 2018 as a linebacker.

"I've never recruited anyone who has worked harder to achieve his dreams than my son," Swinney added. "He's special. I just couldn't be more proud. I couldn't wait to get up this morning and introduce him."

The next year for Clemson football will be a telling one. The offense will be retooled and a new quarterback will be running the ship. The 2018 class is already starting to take shape and Clemson is working hard on getting ahead of the curve.



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Head Coach Dabo Swinney added 15 players to the roster for 2017. The 2017 recruiting class was ranked tenth nationally and included 11 four-star recruits.

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Thousands of citizens took to the streets to protest President Trump's actions limiting immigration. Trump's executive order came into effect Jan. 28.

Letter to the editor: Silence is not an option

Trevor Seigler
Clemson Alumni

Trust me when I say this: I'm just as sick of politics as you are. I've been arguing about politics for a good year and a half now, with friends, relatives and people I only know online. I went full all-in mode on political coverage leading up to Nov. 8 last year, and I thought that the morning after would bring us a reprieve from all the heated rhetoric of the 2016 presidential election. I also thought my side, while not fielding maybe the best candidate, would surely trounce the other side's walking embodiment of "everything that is wrong with America" (and now that I've given away the game, there's a good chance many of you will stop reading. C'est la vie). Needless to say, Nov. 9 didn't exactly dawn with

happiness and relief, so much as agony and exhaustion.

And for almost two months there, right up until the turn of the New Year, I was burnt out. I didn't want to talk about it, I didn't want to watch anything about it on TV, and I damn sure didn't want to argue about it. I was tired. But guess what: silence is not an option.

You see, I'm a white male, and for much of our history (including this past election cycle) I and my peers have held a lot of sway in how this country gets run. That's just a statement of fact. I don't endorse it, but I have benefitted from it, even though I suspect my twice-voting-for-Obama gets me kicked out of the "white guys meeting" that are surely held every month. I have the luxury of taking

time away from politics if I so choose, because let's be honest: a lot of what Trump is trying to do will not affect me directly. I have the luxury, the "privilege" if you will, of not having to deal with his executive actions in my everyday life.

But here's the thing: I know people who do, and who will, have to deal with what he and his cronies are doing. The Muslim ban (and yes, it's a Muslim ban) affects those friends of mine who are Muslim and who have family in predominantly Muslim countries, including the ones listed in the ban. His policies regarding the LGBTQ community will affect my friends who belong to that community. This is not even getting to what his policy will be regarding the conflict between law enforcement and the African-American

community, or his potential assaults on the freedom of the press. So I do have a personal stake, albeit perhaps secondhand, in what he's doing.

Then again, it's more important for me to speak up on behalf of those people whom I haven't yet met, and those whom I may never meet. Those people whom, when they're referred to by numerical size, suddenly aren't easy to see as human anymore. Admit it, when you hear "thousands of" or "hundreds of," it's hard to see the individual faces of those affected by the policies of this (or of any other) president. That makes it easier for me, a white man with nothing to lose or gain, to sit back and say "it's not my problem." But I don't think that's an option that I can live with.

Speaking up, and speaking out, is not easy.

You can lose friends, alienate potential allies, and find yourself "in the wrong" in the view of the majority. But your silence is consent. If you don't speak up, simply because there is no direct correlation to you, you might as well be giving Trump a thumbs-up to continue his policies. Maybe it's never going to be the case that he or his minions eventually come for you or someone that you love. But I don't think any of us can say with certainty that "it can't happen to me" at this point in time.

Write your congressmen or women, your senators and your allies. March in the street. Share a hashtag on your social media. Whatever you do, stand up for those who need it, stand up to the bullies that count on your silence as much as anything else. Stand up and be counted.

Letter to the editor: Why Clemson must resist, reject complacency in Trump's muslim ban

Ian Anderson
Clemson community member

One of the phrases I hear thrown around a lot on campus is the "Clemson Family," and a question I've asked myself, as I know so many others have, is "What makes the 'Clemson Family'?" People in the immigrant community and other marginalized communities are looking to Clemson for protection, and the entire country is looking at each of us to see what we are willing to do to assist and work for our "Clemson Family."

Last spring, my friends and so many others felt lost. We staged a protest in Sikes Hall to bring attention to that fact. Yet here I am, almost a year later, sitting in that same building and waiting to talk to administration about the mass discrimination affecting the people around me.

Just because a law exists does not make it morally or ethically right. For years we existed with complacency

under Jim Crow laws. This executive order will not be the end, nor will Muslims, immigrants and Middle Eastern people be the only communities that will feel its effects. I urge you to take steps to ensure your "Clemson Family" is protected to the fullest possible extent. In light of actions taken at Boston College, it would be a gesture of good faith to offer housing for your displaced immigrant students and alumni affected, similar to the housing of Coastal Carolina students during Hurricane Matthew last semester.

President Clements released a statement on Jan. 28, followed by another on Jan. 30. His reaction to the new executive order could be considered lukewarm at best. Both statements included the recommendation that affected students "refrain from traveling outside the United States if at all possible for the time being," but the terrifying thing you have yet to see is that the 115 students Clemson has

identified is only a baseline. It is the bare minimum of those affected in our own community.

What I want to know is, what is Clemson doing to help students and alumni that are currently stuck abroad, as well as to ensure that students at Clemson can maintain their visa status (I-20 and DS-2019)? Afshin Ahmadi is a Clemson student in Iran. He has been waiting for eight months for his visa to be approved to allow him to return as a student. Are you working to ensure his safe return? There are multiple academic conferences your professors are involved in, that have now had speakers or guests barred from entering the country and engaging with these groups. How will you work to help coordinate those? There are athletes that are faced with an inability to participate in the sports they love, because of their nationality barring them from leaving or entering the country. As this ban is a clear obstruction of the academic process at all levels, we want

to see you speak out against it more forcefully than you have done so far.

There are multiple colleges, from Rutgers to Harvard, Cornell, Michigan, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Duke, Arizona and beyond, that have all put out preliminary statements in opposition to the Muslim Ban. All of them were far more earnest in their support of their students, as well as in their condemnation of a discriminatory policy, than your own. Given the immediacy of both of your statements, it's incredibly disappointing that you can't produce a statement that is stronger in regards to support of your students and rejection of a legalized form of discrimination. We have received longer, more detailed and even more supportive emails affirming the "free speech" of Clemson students than we have heard regarding this executive order. That's confusing and represents a stunning lack of priorities, seeing as this ban puts the

lives of your students at risk.

It is not a political statement to qualify that the people around you, the people you see every day, the people that work for you and go to this school, have humanity. It is not a political statement to say that the immigrants among us are just as deserving of rights and are as equal as we are. It should not be a political statement to say that people have humanity, and that their lives matter, and yet I am led to think again and again that your impression is otherwise. It is not a political statement to say that discriminatory policies based in xenophobia, Islamophobia and racism, are, in fact, discriminatory and hateful. Your complacency in this matter and your lack of willingness to speak out and to say these things, to act as a conscientious objector in the face of discrimination, do not give me much hope for the students here at this school.

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Tiger Rants

That one friend who thinks he's funnier than he is.

When there aren't enough seasons of "The Office."

I can't wait for the day that I can walk across Library Bridge and not have to dodge tables.

There's never any spoons in Core Dining Hall - do they want me to slurp soup?

Shoutout to Wendy's and Raising Cane's for being the only late night on-campus food options on Saturday.

I wish the weather would choose between cold and miserable or warm and happy.

I'm pretty sure that we have less school spirit without football games happening.

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Clemson University's 'disdain' for freedom of expression

PJ Price
Contributor

When President Donald Trump attacked the Islamic faith by banning all refugees and all visitors from seven Muslim-majority countries, he assaulted a pillar of America's constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression: religious freedom.

Assertions that this isn't a Muslim ban are fallacious. Senior Trump aide Rudy Giuliani said that Trump's goal for this policy was to ban Muslims, and President Trump affirmed this throughout his campaign. Despite this incontrovertible reality, Clemson University administrators — who have justified past decisions by citing freedom of expression — and free speech warriors were silent on the ban's immorality.

Clemson's inaction facilitated an attack on members of the Clemson Family, exposed the fraudulence of free speech advocates on campus and sent a message that further damages free expression. Fortunately, there is still time to stand up for freedom of expression and decency.

Clemson's inaction is a defense of political correctness and inoffensiveness, not freedom of expression. If Clemson actually cared about freedom of expression, its administrators would have done more than issue instructional statements; its students would have demonstrated downtown to support Nazanin Zinouri's return (the Clemson student

denied entry into the U.S.); and its President would have joined over fifty other university presidents in a statement condemning the executive order, rather than simply signing a half-hearted, apolitical statement. Instead of exploiting these opportunities and standing up for freedom of expression, we chose the side of the oppressor and demonstrated indifference to the Clemson Family members impacted by Trump's actions.

This indifference is a loss on multiple fronts. It may dissuade current students from voicing their opinions and discourage prospective students with diverse identities from applying to Clemson. Such consequences will perpetuate Clemson's long history of ignoring diversity and serve to limit speech. Indeed, countless studies show diversity improves classroom discussions and assists the development of critical thinking skills and empathy. By not standing up for diversity and underrepresented forms of expression, Clemson, stained with hypocrisy, is saying it only welcomes the forms of expression with which it is comfortable.

There are three steps the Clemson Family should take. First, students must support "The Fast Against Silence" by Clemson professors Todd May and Chenjerai Kumanyika. Beginning Feb. 6, they will be at Sikes Hall fasting for a week in protest of the Trump Administration's actions and the Clemson Administration's inaction.

Second, we must become better listeners. Continuing to wage a war on reality by denying the discrimination and hate within the Clemson Family is counterproductive. Denying uncomfortable truths does not make them disintegrate nor does it constitute debate. It's censure. Third, we must demand more of ourselves and our university. Email, call and speak with administrators and professors — ask them what they think about Trump's actions and the University's inaction. Both the Clemson and Trump Administration are supposed to work for all of us. As of now, both are only working for those who look like them.

Through silence, the Clemson Administration and free speech charlatans have demonstrated their indifference. And indifference, as Elie Wiesel said at the turn of the millennia, "is always the friend of the enemy, for it benefits the aggressor — never his victim, whose pain is magnified when he or she feels forgotten." Clemson must stand up for freedom, cease benefiting the aggressor, and abandon the path of least offense, regardless of how uncomfortable or inconvenient this proves to be. Doing so would help the university unite the Clemson Family and live up to its reputation as a great institution. Existing in silence will sow greater division and erode its reputation.

If Clemson students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators continue without resistance, we are all complicit in this deplorable censorship and every one of its consequences.



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a prominent civil rights leader, fought for racial equality throughout the 1950s and 60s.

Staff Editorial: Black History Month

Why we recognize this special month

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Dr. King is undoubtedly one of the more notable figures in American history, and has left a significant mark on how our country has continued to come together in the years since the Civil Rights Movement. Designated as Black History Month in 1976, the month of February is a time where we reflect on the many men and women who have positively impacted the legacy of African Americans and appreciate all of the contributions that they have made to our society.

The editorial staff at The Tiger recently came together to discuss why Black History Month is so important. This editorial is a summary of their thoughts and comments.

First and foremost, it is always important to remember the past and reflect on the actions of the many people who have brought us to where we are as a society today. One should always take time to recognize the unforgettable achievements of those who have pushed the boundaries of society and embarked upon unprecedented endeavors in their time.

We as a society have a problem in that history is often told from the viewpoint of those who teach it or those who were "victorious," so there are times when not everyone

is represented fully and in a historically accurate way. That is why it's crucial to set aside time to commemorate the history of the African American community.

One question posed by the staff was, "If we still have to set aside a month to honor black history, does it demonstrate that we haven't come as far as we think in terms of racism?"

In United States history or world history classes, many times you won't see very many faces of color and you have to go out of your way to find their stories. In recent months there have been many racial divisions that have become obvious across the country for a variety of reasons.

February is a time where we can take time to reflect on the stories of so many African American citizens who have challenged the country throughout time to rethink how we love and treat one another. We cannot forget the struggles they have faced, but it gives us hope to see the challenges they have overcome and the progress that has been made. They have empowered us to rethink how we see social justice, while still leaving plenty of room for improvement. It's also empowering to continue sharing their stories and keeping their contributions alive for generations to come.

It's also worth noting that it's very easy to identify members of the African American community in pop culture and the contributions that they have made, but often we forget to consider other African Americans who have made so many other contributions to fields such as science and government.

Of course, it was a giant milestone when President Barack Obama was elected as the first African American president. Under his administration, many other milestones were achieved in terms of appointing citizens of many different marginalized communities to a variety of positions and giving them a voice.

As President Obama said, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Black History month reminds us that it is not the color of our skin that divides us, but rather our sameness as one human race that unites us. This month is about education. Be sure to take some time this month to attend one of the many events taking place across campus that honor black history. As Ola Joseph once said, "Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."

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Federal spending must yield results

Parker Tilley
Outlook Editor

While it's not the largest departmental budget in Washington, approximately \$73 billion was appropriated to the United States Department of Education last calendar year. With more than 5,000 employees on hand, one would think that the department could achieve noticeable improvements in public education across the country. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

A 419-page report released by the department in the weeks leading up to President Donald Trump's inauguration admitted that several of the initiatives funded by the Obama administration resulted in little to no positive impact for the schools and districts they were intended to improve.

Totaling more than \$7 billion, the School Improvement Grants first introduced under President George W. Bush were meant to assist low-performing schools. After the publication

of this report, it's clear that this was just another instance of throwing funds at a problem without proper implementation and planning.

After championing No Child Left Behind in his first term, President Bush will forever be known for his legacy of increased standardized testing and accountability standards. President Obama only added to this waste, with annual spending jumping from \$600 million to nearly \$3.5 billion after the stimulus package was enacted.

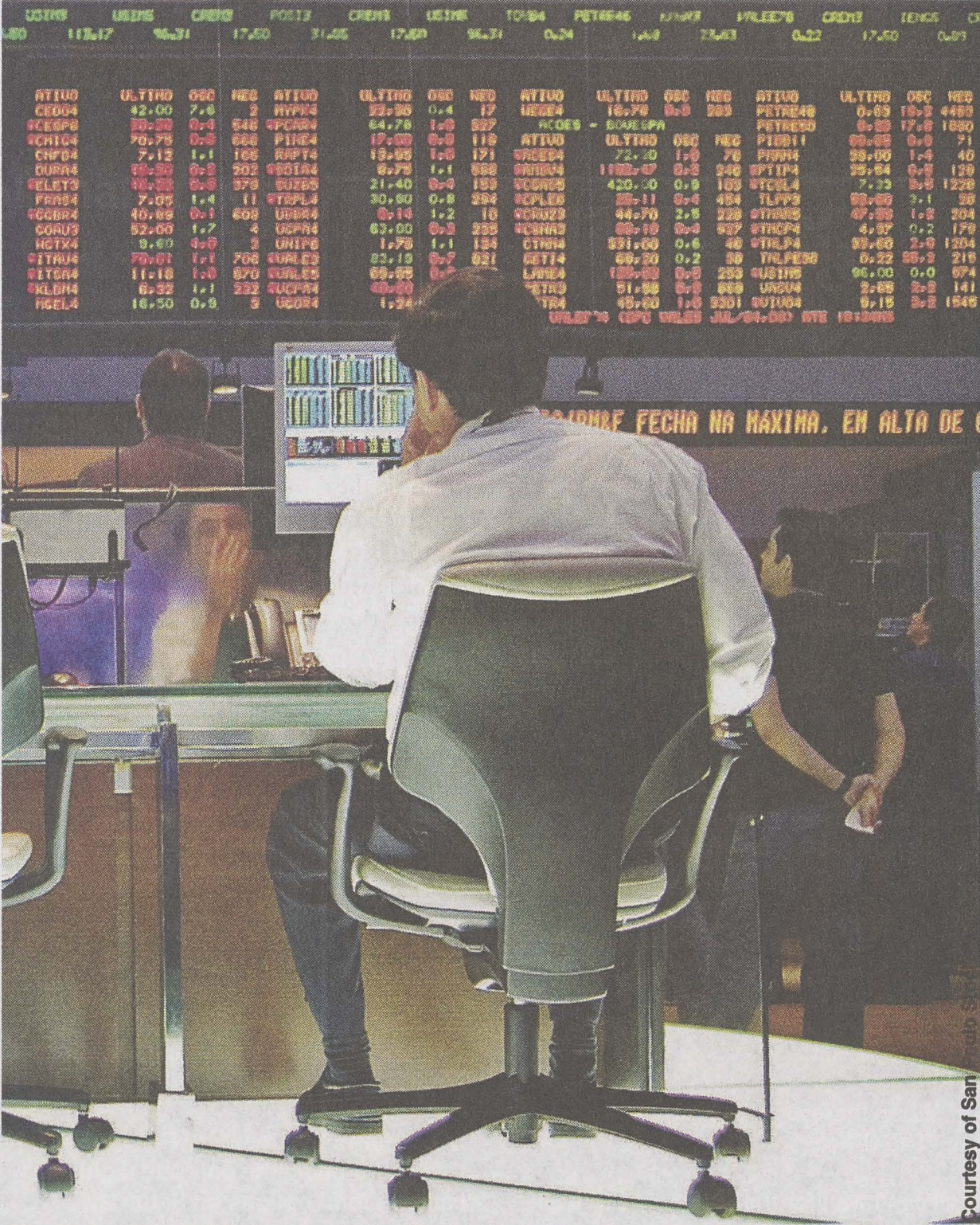
I'm hopeful that President Trump will end this sort of useless spending across the board in the federal government. Having already reduced the size of contracts with Boeing and Lockheed Martin as well as refusing to take a salary personally, the president is just in his infancy of saving taxpayer money.

Betsy DeVos, President Trump's pick for education secretary, has faced many questions surrounding

her qualifications to serve in such a capacity. While I don't personally believe that she is fit to guide one of the world's largest education systems, this type of report only fuels Trump's motives for appointing her. He is looking for cabinet picks that will run their respective departments efficiently, with reduced waste, and that's exactly what she will bring to the table.

It's an absolute disgrace that billions of dollars in taxpayer funds were wasted on a program that produced no results. Such funding could have gone a long way in public schools had the administration ensured there was proper implementation and that the right people were in place to oversee and conduct said implementation.

It's time for the Department of Education to get serious about helping students in public schools, to ensure that projects of such fiscal proportions are carried out properly and achieve results.



The United States debt has nearly doubled since 2009 and will soon surpass \$20 trillion.

Twelve songs you should play this Valentine's Day

Darby Werner, Contributor

The countdown to Valentine's Day is on, and it is up to you to plan the perfect date for that special someone. Whether your day consists of a romantic picnic on a mountain, or ordering in Chinese food, having the ideal playlist is crucial! The quote, "Music is the literature of the heart: it commences where speech ends", by Alphonse de Lamartine, could not be more true. Sometimes finding the right words for the many emotions bouncing around in your heart is hard. So this Valentine's Day, if you are lost for words, play a few of these songs and you just might find what you are looking for.

"Cant Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley

"Cant Help Falling In Love" may be one of the most well known love songs, but undoubtedly one of the best. Not only are the lyrics sweet and affectionate, but Elvis' deep voice is as soothing and classic as it comes. This song has also been covered by Fleet Foxes, Twenty One Pilots, Ingrid Michaelson, Michael Buble and more.

"God Only Knows" by Beach Boys

This truly beautiful melody is a favored love song. The highly acclaimed beach boy, Brian Wilson, wrote and sang this song in 1966. The passion woven throughout "God Only Knows" is what will continue to push it forward as one of the best love songs of all time.

"I Like to Be With Me When I'm With You" by Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors

If you are looking for a more acoustic sounding song to express your love, "I Like To Be With Me When I'm With You" is perfect. It is so simple and sweet – the best

song for any date.

"When I'm With You" by Ben Rector

Without a doubt "When I'm With You" will make you want to sing along with your favorite person. Ben Rector's energy is contagious and his lyrics perfectly describes the fresh breath of air that special someone is to you.

"First Day Of My Life" by Bright Eyes

This song is truly special. There is something so real and emotional about "First Day Of My Life". The sound, lyrics, and meaning are all simple and strait forward, but together present a powerful statement of change, adoration, and yearning.

"Nothing Fancy" by Dave Barnes

"Nothing Fancy" is a slow dance kinda love song. The one acoustic guitar and Dave Barnes eloquent lyrics makes for the most charming and heartwarming of melodies.

"Obsessed" by Dan +Shay

With those deep raspy voices and sweet

southern sound, country music will never have a shortage of love songs. Even if you are not a country music fan, this is still a fantastic song to look in to. This duo creates the perfect blend of romance and southern soul to express their thoughts on love.

"Its Your Love" by Tim McGraw

If you prefer just a little more of that country twang "It's Your Love" will satisfy that need. His voice naturally blends with the tenderness of the track, creating that sweet country love song.

"Shape of You" by Ed Sheeran

It did not take long for Ed Sheeran's new pop song, "Shape Of You", to reached No. 1 on the top 100 chart. We have all been waiting for Ed to come out with something new and his sneak preview to his upcoming album did not disappoint. This sing/songwriter knows how to pull on your heart strings.

"Love Me Now" by John Legend

Life is fragile and uncertain. You never

know what the next day brings and John Legend touches on this subject in "Love Me Now." His message conveying the importance of loving someone the best you can in the present moment.

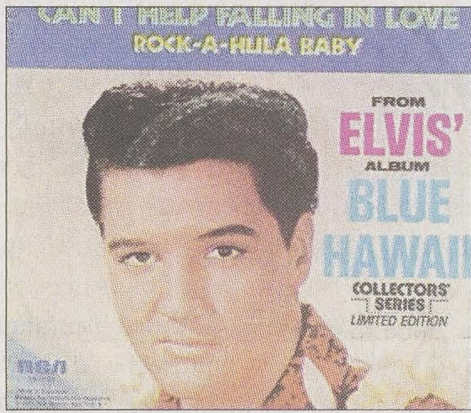
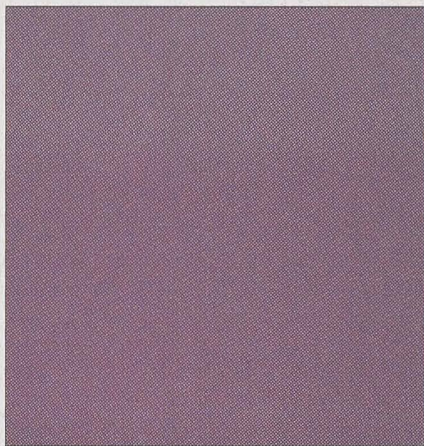
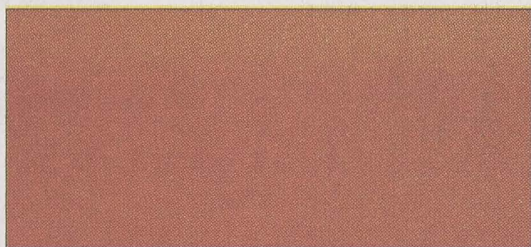
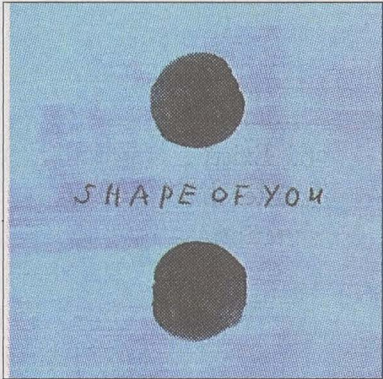
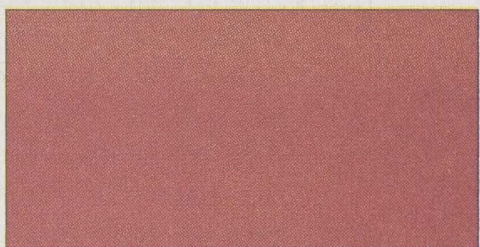
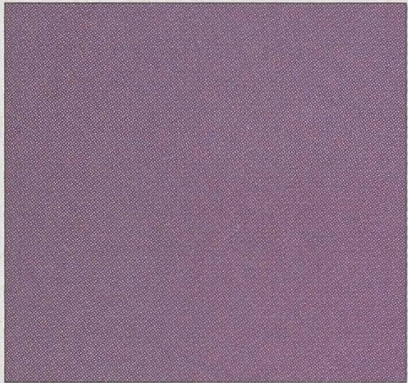
"All I Want Is You" by Barry Louis Polisar

If you are planning a fun mountain date Feb. 14, you want this song on your playlist. With the its upbeat and folksy sound, you can't help but smile when listening to it.

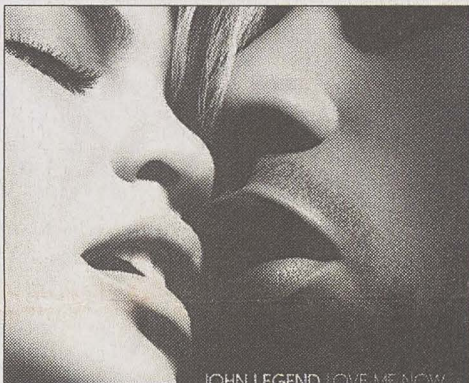
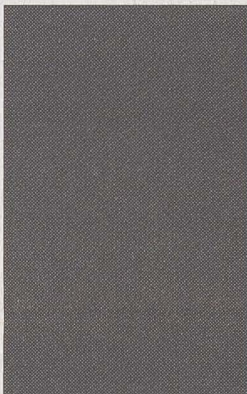
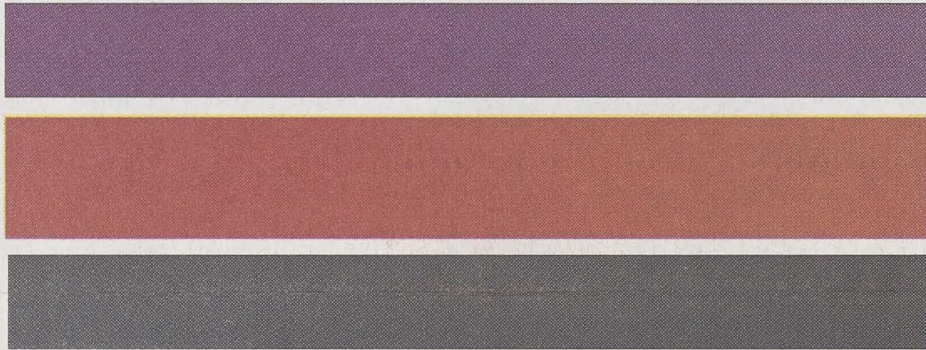
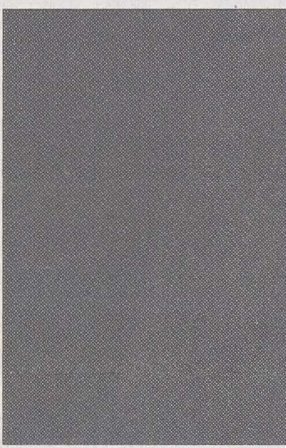
"Toothpaste Kisses" by the Macabees

With an old timey feel and free flowing voice, "Toothpaste Kisses" is a very unique song. It makes you feel as though your own love story is being transported in to a projector, displaying black and whit pictures on the wall.

So, no matter your music preference, there will always be songs to "commence when your speech ends" – especially when you just can't find the right words this Valentine's Day.



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Blast from the past: Pop culture 10 years ago

Saavon Smalls, Editor-in-Chief

As someone who was a kid/tween in the mid-2000s, I'm definitely not a nostalgia elitist. You know the ones – those people who say "the 90s were so much better; TV/pop culture/media just isn't the same anymore." But sometimes it can be good to look back on what was in style in ye olden days. In fact, let's go back to 10 years ago, to a time when the only person we had to worry about having a meltdown was Britney.

Movies:

"Juno"

With a jug of Sunny D in one hand and a pregnancy test in the other, Juno MacGuff was about to face what seemed like the worst nightmare of any teen girl. However, when she discovers an ad in her local newspaper, she finds herself thrown headfirst into the world of adulthood and adoption. This movie is still a cult hit with a killer soundtrack.

Best line: "I'm already pregnant, so what other shenanigans could I get into?"

"Bee Movie"

Also known by some as the greatest movie of all time, "Bee Movie" inspired meme-making generations on all social media platforms. The movie as a whole is ridiculous (leaving your man for an insect that'll live for no longer than five years — who does that?), but that'll leave you on the floor laughing. The cause

is understandable, though: bees should be treated with respect and Ray Liotta should have his own line of honey. **Best line:** "We stand behind a fellow, black and yellow."

"Hairspray"

This one is near and dear to my heart, because it was my first official musical where the words "high school" didn't precede the title. From Zac Efron to Amanda Bynes to its heartwarming plot, "Hairspray" combines some of my favorite things: music and social justice.

Best line: "Negro Day is the best, I wish every day was Negro Day!"

Songs:

"Hey There Delilah"

Have you ever looked back on your teenage years and cried about your middle school sweetheart and how you thought you were going to "be together 5-ever?" If you did, it was probably set to the tune of "Hey There Delilah." If you didn't know this song word-for-word, then that probably hindered your ability to even get a bae. Unless you were me, then it was just puberty telling you "it's not time yet."

Best line: "By the time that we get through, the world will never, ever be the same, and you're to blame."

"Umbrella"

Raining down heavy

beats from Jay Z, this is Rihanna's big hit from "Good Girl Gone Bad." Every banger needs a hook, and throughout the song, Rihanna's ability to find the words that rhyme with umbrella helps to keep everyone singing along. **Best line:** "You're part of entity if for infinity."

"Girlfriend"

For anyone who can't believe that their crush is dating someone other than you, "Girlfriend" is the song for you. Odds are you listened to this song when you had streaks of color in your hair, wore long black jeans and DCs. I mean, if you wanted to act the role of snarky, rebellious teenager, you had to look the part. **Best line:** "Hey, hey, you, you, I don't like your girlfriend."

TV shows:

"Keeping up with the Kardashians"

Yes, the royal family has graced our screens for a decade now. I'm talking about Kim K and her band of shade-throwing family members. Yes, their story may have started with Kim and Ray J's escapade, but you have to give them credit. Kim was able to make an invasion of privacy into a multi-million dollar industry for both her and her family. No offense to your faves, but when will they ever do something like that?

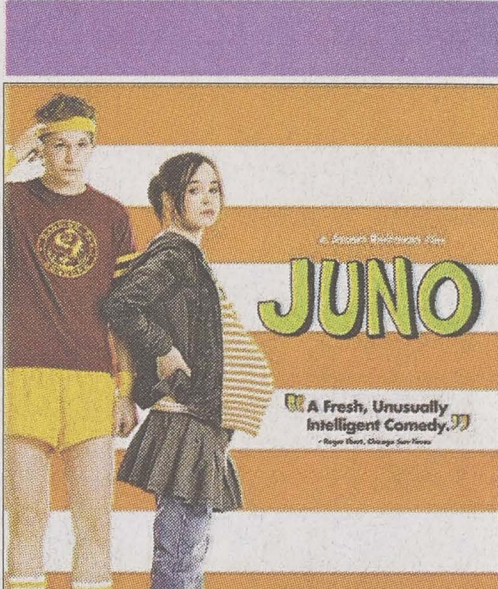
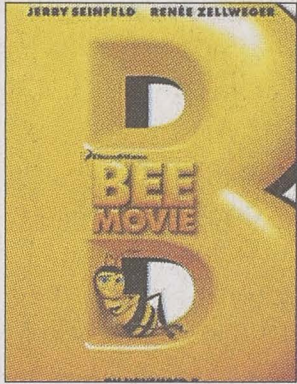
This show is still running strong, so don't forget to check out E! to see what my mom Kim is doing next. **Best line:** "Kim, there are people who are dying."

"iCarly"

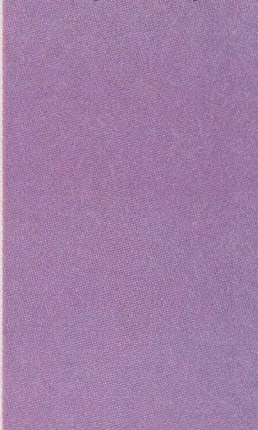
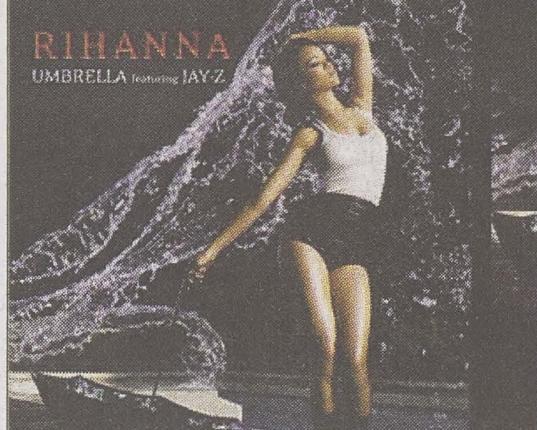
Here's a secret: When I was a young kid, I wanted to be "famous." Or I at least wanted to be on a web-show. "iCarly" was the sole reason for this, because I honestly thought I was funny enough to have my own. RIP those thoughts. Anyway, this was one of Dan Schneider's shows, so you always knew you were in store for a few laughs. **Best line:** "When temperatures get too high the elderly will start to die!"

"I Love New York"

I had to add this gem. For anyone who is a reality TV junkie like myself, you'll know that Tiffany "New York" Pollard is on the shortlist for the greatest things to ever happen to television. So when the time came for her to find love, my 11-year-old self just had to jump in front of the TV and glue my eyes to the screen. And while New York never found her beau, we did get at least three more years of the self-proclaimed "HBIC." Pollard has slowly found herself back onto the silver screen, and I'm excited to see what happens for her next, eyes glued to the screen. **Best line:** "New York is in the motherf**king house!"



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Boozy bingo nights

Reviewing TTT's bingo



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Myra Hutto
Contributor

Tuesday night Bingo at Tiger Town Tavern is where you can split a litcher (liquor pitcher) and try and win with your closest friends. You can relax and not think of English papers and dreadful Chemistry exams because all you're concerned with is B4. But the space in the middle of the card isn't the only thing that's free – Tiger Town Tavern's cash is free and it is totally worth going.

The atmosphere of the bar is a lot different than it is on the weekends. You can actually walk a few feet without saying "Sorry" or "Excuse me," or wanting to hurt the girl who keeps stepping on your new booties. You can actually find a booth and stock up on beer caps and playing cards.

The appetizers are \$2.00 off and big enough for several people, so not only is it cheap but it's super filling when you have the drunken munchies. If you're like me you go for the chicken fingers and tatter

tots, which the boys in the kitchen will be happy to provide, but nothing says love like a \$3 basket of TTT's cheesy fries because they are amazing!

Since last Tuesday was my first time for bingo, I was annoyingly asking everyone what each kind of game is. So, I'll help you out in this department. In traditional bingo, you can get a row horizontally, vertically or sideways. Then there's Four Corners, which we all know and love, and the two most famous versions: the Big T, where you make a T across the card, and Blackout, where you cover every single space on the card.

Even as a first-timer, I won a game and \$10 worth of money for TTT's! It was more exciting than going to Chick-fil-A at a time when the line isn't wrapped around the building twice. \$10 isn't the limit on what you can win either, so the opportunities to get drunk for free on the weekends are endless. My roommate won \$45 at bingo two weeks ago, and we're still drinking free pitchers from it. I hate

spending a bunch of money downtown, so TTT's is the answer to all of our prayers. They give us two hours during the week to unwind by playing bingo, laughing at the people who call false bingo and drinking the best pitchers in town.

Maybe I'll see you there next Tuesday. If I do, say hello and remember, "Liquor B4 beer and you're in the clear."

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How college students can relate to minimalism

Wesley Skidmore
Contributor

Minimalism.

A concept that gets you past things to create room for important things, which aren't really things at all.

Recently posted to Netflix, a documentary about a movement and art style known as minimalism has caught the attention of many avid TV watchers. While only an hour and eighteen minutes long, it explores a relatively new concept in depth, one that has found its place in a world of increasing disillusionment.

The protagonists, if it is possible to act as such in a documentary, are two young men: Joshua Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus. Both worked for a massive telecom corporation for most of their early twenties and both found themselves unsatisfied with their six-figure salary and repetitive routines. Stumbling across the concept of minimalism first, Joshua took a period of eight months to declutter his apartment, mind and life. Millburn got rid of most of his material possessions (clothes, furniture and appliances), and focused only on what he actually used. He then helped his best friend, Ryan, to do the same with an interesting strategy. They boxed up all his possessions (or covered them when they were too large to package) and kept them like that for a month. At the end of the month, everything that Ryan had not taken out of boxes to actively use and gain enjoyment from was tossed, sold or donated. Throughout the entire month, Ryan was forced to repeatedly ask himself the question: does this add value to my life?

This question can be the basis of any facet of human existence. As an example, just think of food. Meal preparation and grocery shopping has become a chore for many people. Often, the easiest or cheapest options become staples in our lives. Minimalism offers an alternative view on human relationships with food. When purchasing a breakfast sandwich

or bag of chips, it is important to ask the question: does this add value to my life? It is not only more cost effective, but it leads to a more fulfilling series of interactions with what we consume.

Another example is housing. In the film "Minimalism: A Documentary", an entire portion is dedicated to how minimalists use and reuse space. It points to the "American Dream" of owning a three bedroom/ two bathroom house in the suburbs. While this is still the ideal situation for many, The Minimalists continue to ask the question: Why? Is it so many people's dream because it is desirable and will truly make them happy? Or is it their dream because it is what they have seen and been taught so repetitively throughout their lives? Success, especially in the United States is generally measured by security. Security in this case meaning big house, working car, white-collar job, etc. Ryan and Josh instead encourage aspiring minimalists to measure success by gratification. Only keep in your life those things that contribute value. The happiness that "stuff" brings is usually short lived, not only due to its planned obsolescence, but because people don't truly want "stuff." These possessions simply fill a void created by passionless existence with things they have been told will act as a panacea to unhappiness.

So, how does this all apply to Clemson college students who already have three papers, two tests and four shifts at work? For those who just read that sentence and thought, "Wow! How does she know my life so intimately?" then minimalism might work well for you. The practices it brings into daily life are meant not only to declutter, but also to decrease attachment to things. When you constantly worry about getting the newest or most fashionable product, you are not focusing on what can really add value to your life.

On their website — theminimalists.com — Josh and Ryan publish essays, podcasts and tour dates, among other things. In one essay, they

introduce newcomers to a 30-Day Minimalism Game. It works like this:

Find an accountability partner so that the game continues and you don't lose interest, momentum or willpower. Over 30 days, get rid of one thing the first day, two things the second day, and so on until reaching 30 days. The thing(s) that is trashed, sold, or donated can be anything from clothing to appliances to decorations, etc. The only rule is that the item or items must be gone by midnight of that day. After 30 days, some may choose to stop, content with a decluttering and organization of things they actually use. However, many will likely continue to work toward living a minimalist lifestyle. This may play out in a variety of forms. Meaningful interaction and relationships may be one way. Another might be focusing on a passion for 20 minutes every day. And yet another might be spending less money on items that resemble things they already own and are not yet malfunctioning.

As a college student, this can either seem strange and impossible or just what you need for an already stretched budget. This concept, however, isn't meant as a budgeting strategy. Instead, it is meant to teach the value of material possession, human interaction and consumption. So, if you are looking for a how-to manual of decluttering and organization, that's not what this is. It releases adherents from their obsession of control and planning. It leads people to pursue something they actually enjoy, not just what makes them "successful" in American terms.

As Josh and Ryan clearly explain on their website: "Minimalists don't focus on having less, less, less; rather, [they] focus on making room for more: more time, more passion, more experiences, more growth, more contribution more contentment. More freedom. Clearing the clutter from life's path helps us make that room."

THE IMPOSSIBLE (POP CULTURE) QUIZ

Questions by Saavon Smalls, Editor-in-Chief

1. Lady GaGa recently performed the half-time show at this year's Super Bowl. What is the name of her first album?

a. "Joanne"
b. "The Fame"
c. "Artpop"
2. What "SNL" star did "Twilight" actress Kristen Stewart kiss on her appearance last week?

a. Pete Davidson
b. Leslie Jones
c. Vanessa Bayer
3. "The Fosters" came back from hiatus on Jan. 31. What network is it currently on?

a. Freeform
b. CW
c. MTV
4. Kim Kardashian recently started a book club with what model?

a. Kendall Jenner
b. Naomi Campbell
c. Chrissy Teigen
5. As of Feb. 5, how many Insta. likes does Beyonce have on her pregnancy photo?

a. 5 million
b. 10 million
c. 20 million
6. What is the name of Big Sean's new album?

a. "I Choose"
b. "I Decided"
c. "I Resolve"
7. What brand of beer has been put under fire by Trump supporters for focusing on immigration?

a. Michelob Ultra
b. Budweiser
c. Woodchuck
8. What movie has recently come under fire by PETA?

a. "SING"
b. "Why Him?"
c. "A Dog's Purpose"
9. What is the name of the "Catch me outside, how 'bout dah?" girl?

a. Danielle Bregoli
b. Diana Brioso
c. Danika Bertenelli
10. Which "Scream Queens" star has a birthday on Feb. 10?

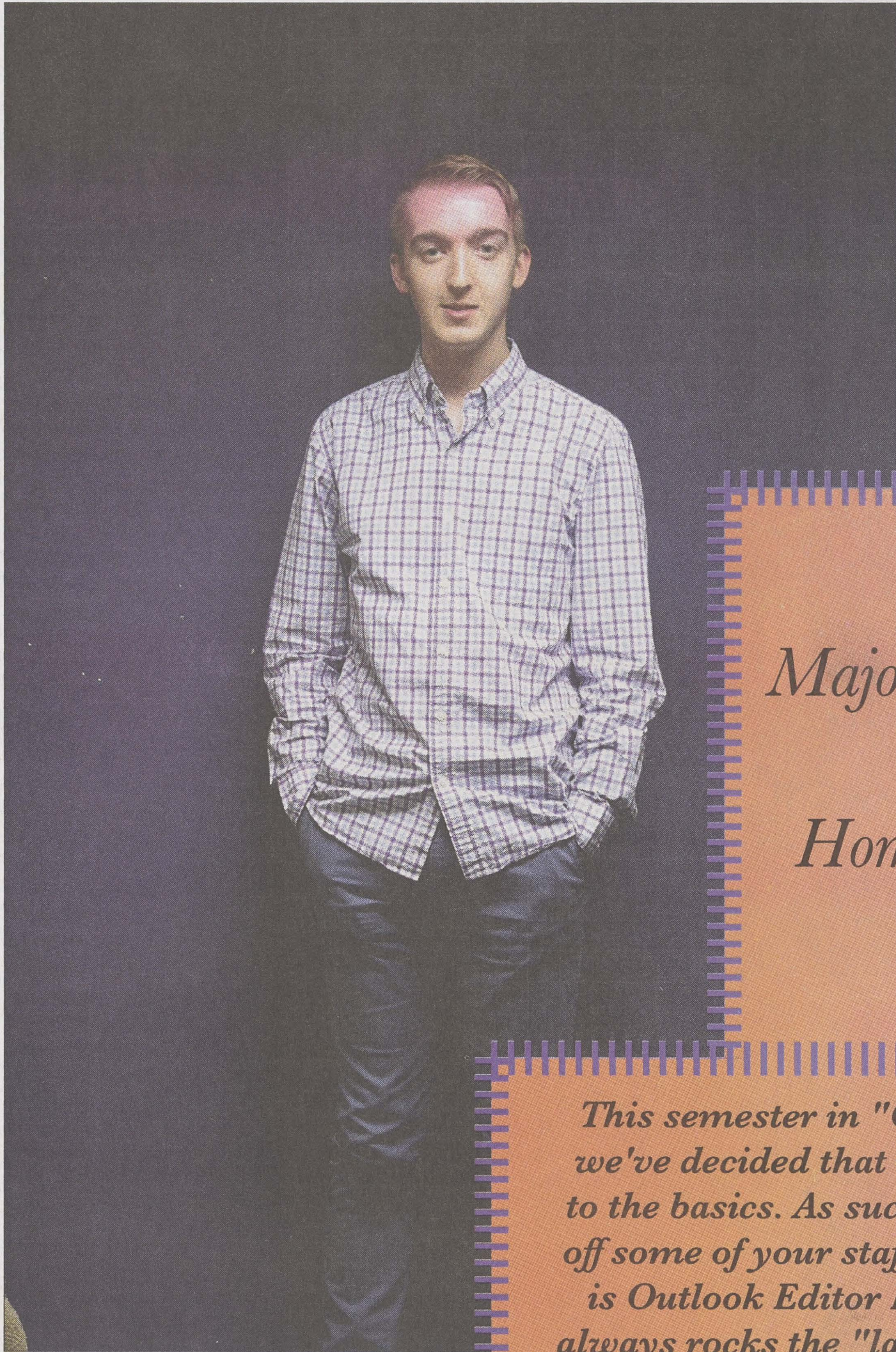
a. Keke Palmer
b. Abigail Breslin
c. Emma Roberts
11. Comedian Chelsea Peretti recently announced her pregnancy ("Beyonce schmonce") with who?

a. Jordan Peele
b. Keegan Michael Key
c. Joel McHale

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1. A
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Correct answers: B, C, A, C, B, B, C, C, A, C, A



CAMPUS Catwalk

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This semester in "Campus Catwalk," we've decided that we want to go back to the basics. As such, we want to show off some of your staff's looks. This week is Outlook Editor Parker Tilley, who always rocks the "layered preppy look."

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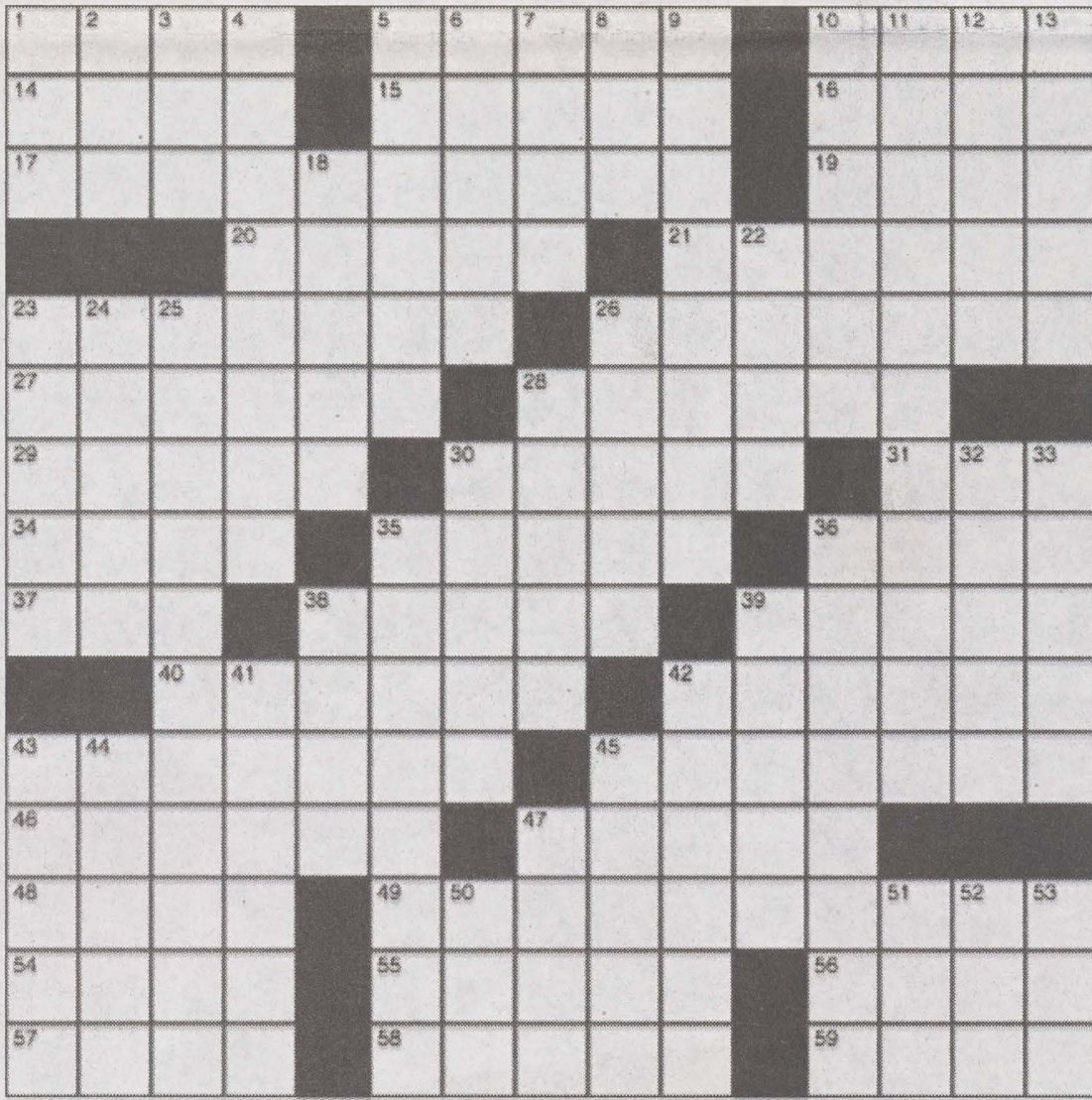
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Across

- 1 - Stadium level;
- 5 - Strike ____;
- 10 - Bk. before Job;
- 14 - Hook's helper;
- 15 - Book about Nineveh;
- 16 - Eyelid irritation;
- 17 - Same backward as forward;
- 19 - Franklin D.'s mother;
- 20 - Compass point;
- 21 - Daniel Webster, e.g.;
- 23 - Herb;
- 26 - Torn by inner conflict;
- 27 - Pleasant smells;
- 28 - In groups;
- 29 - Geneva's lake;
- 30 - Strong string;
- 31 - Bar bill;
- 34 - Actor McGregor;
- 35 - Existence;
- 36 - Director Vittorio De ____;
- 37 - Stimp's pal;
- 38 - "Goodnight" girl;
- 39 - Not express;
- 40 - Floor cover, perhaps;
- 42 - Napkin fabric;
- 43 - Inheritrix;
- 45 - Newness;
- 46 - Go with;
- 47 - Tendon;
- 48 - Z ____ zebra;
- 49 - Printed heading on stationery;
- 54 - Bulldoze;
- 55 - Act badly;
- 56 - Salt tree;
- 57 - Colored;
- 58 - Remains;
- 59 - At that point;

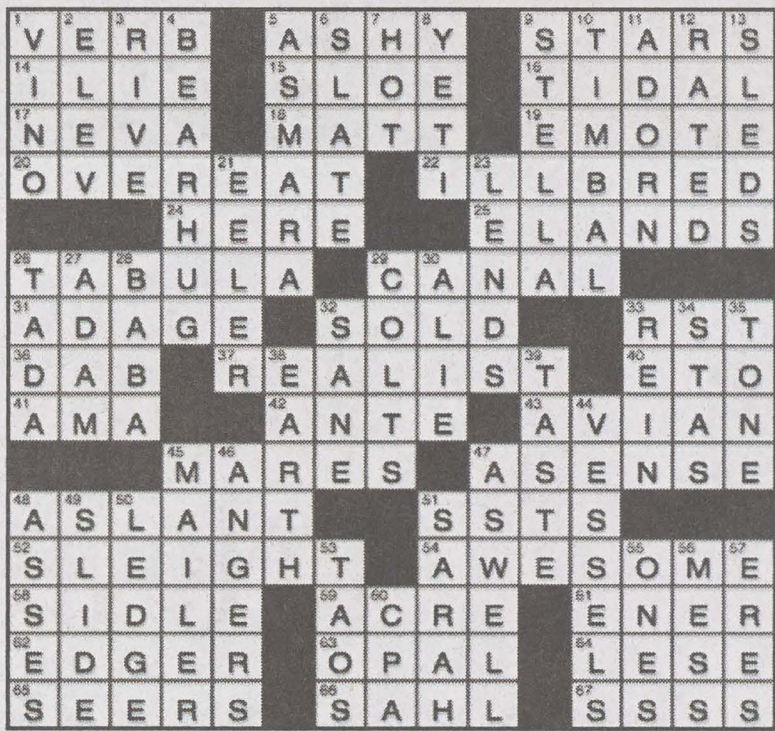
Down

- 1 - Recipe abbr.;
- 2 - The Monkees' " ____ Believer";
- 3 - It's a moray;
- 4 - Harness driver;
- 5 - Guitarist Segovia;
- 6 - Social gathering;
- 7 - Yikes!;
- 8 - Total;
- 9 - Appearing;
- 10 - Ancient ascetic;
- 11 - Type of anomaly or dead heat;
- 12 - They're green;
- 13 - Soul mate?;
- 18 - Atari founder Bushnell;
- 22 - Table d' ____;
- 23 - More wan;
- 24 - ____ there yet?;



- 25 - Hold romantic notions;
- 26 - Roomy dress cut;
- 28 - "Dallas" family name;
- 30 - Mall frequenters;
- 32 - With ____ of thousands!;
- 33 - Obstinate;
- 35 - Hair;
- 36 - A bit;
- 38 - Robert of "The Sopranos";
- 39 - Tennis great Rod;
- 41 - Pressed;
- 42 - Gift recipients;
- 43 - Listened;
- 44 - Short literary composition;
- 45 - Gritty intro;
- 47 - Greek portico;
- 50 - CPR giver;
- 51 - Biblical verb ending;
- 52 - Bar order;
- 53 - TV room;

Last week's crossword answers



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

Don't get caught in a bad romance. Just break up with them.



PISCES

Feb. 20 – March 20

Having issues? Just dance.



ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Work on your poker face; you're gonna need it.



TAURUS

April 21 – May 20

Watch your back, you're going to have to deal with a Judas sooner or later this week.



GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

Find someone who loves you like cherry pie.



CANCER

June 22 – July 22

"Telephone: Part Two" is not coming. You have to stop waiting for it.



LEO

July 23 – Aug. 23

Live for the applause. You deserve the attention.



VIRGO

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

Be beautiful.



LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Be dirty.



SCORPIO

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Be rich.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Love games are only acceptable if their name is Stefani. Don't actually play them.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Eh, Eh. There's nothing else I can say. No really, the stars aren't really telling me anything for you.

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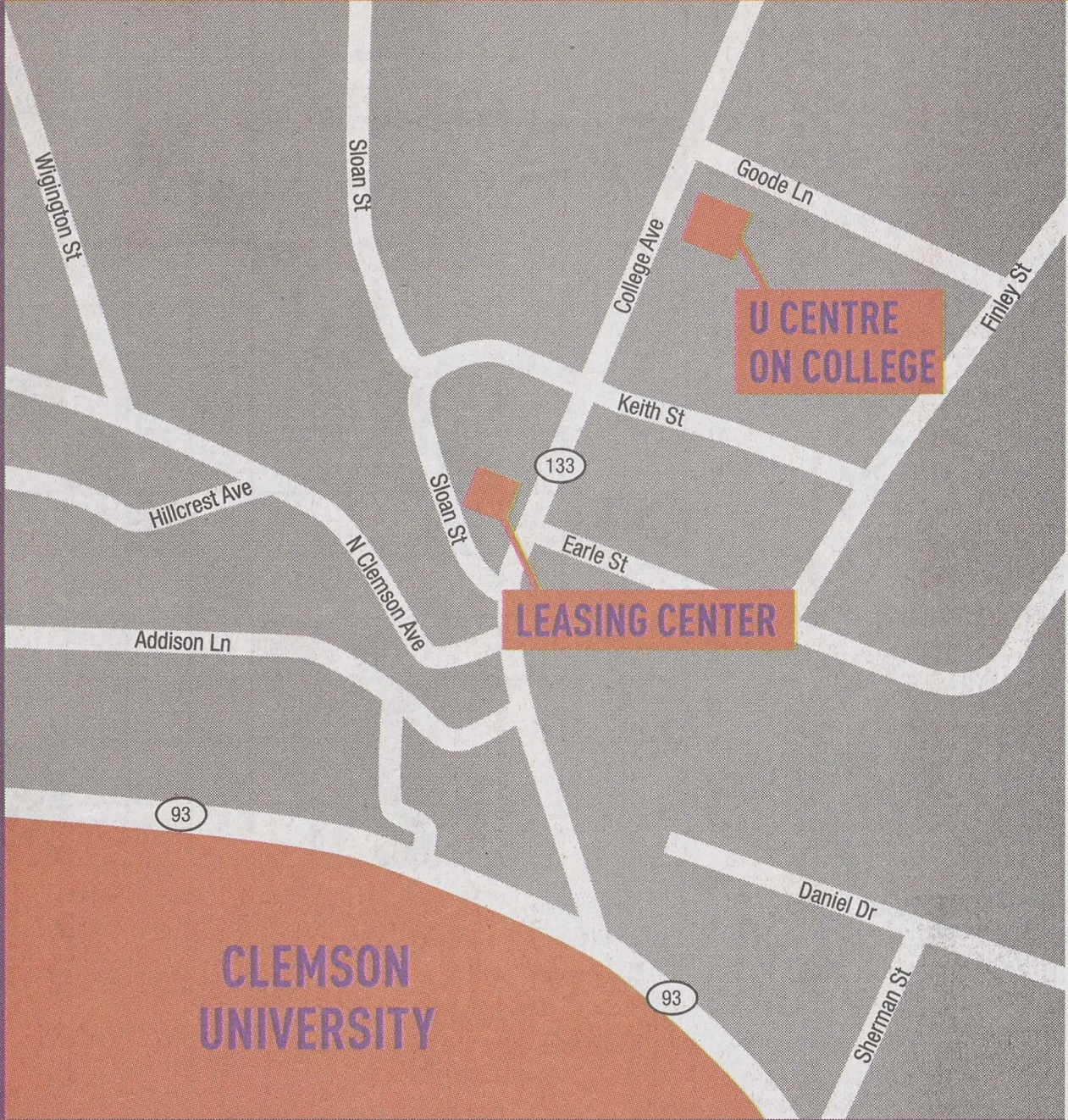
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